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## SCOTT'S TRAGEDY.

## Preservation of Photographs.

Mr. Herbert Ponting, who was  
the official photographer of the  
Scott Expedition to the South  
Pole, said the other day that he  
was prepared to give to the nation  
the negatives found by Captain  
Scott's body, together with 50  
enlarged and framed photographs  
of the expedition, if any national  
institution would house them.

The offer has been accepted by  
Sir Frederic Kenyon, Director of  
the British Museum. They will  
find a place with the diary of  
Captain Scott and the records of  
the expedition, presented by Lady  
Scott to the British Museum.

## WEATHER REPORT.

Aug. 1d. 11h. 40m.—Warning  
to Hongkong, Coast Ports, &c.—  
Typhoon of unknown intensity  
within 60 miles of Lat. 20° N.  
Long. 114° E., stationary or very  
slow.

Aug. 1d. 12h. 00m.—Pressure has  
increased moderately at Hako-  
date and slightly at Hongkong  
and Tokyo; it has decreased  
slightly elsewhere. A weak anti-  
cyclonic area covers Korea and  
Japan, and an area of relatively  
low pressure extends from Tong-  
king across the north part of the  
China Sea and Luzon to the  
Philippine. The depression or typhoon  
appears to be stationary at about  
150 miles south of the Colony, or  
is moving very slowly westward.

## NOTICE.

## SEARCH LIGHTS

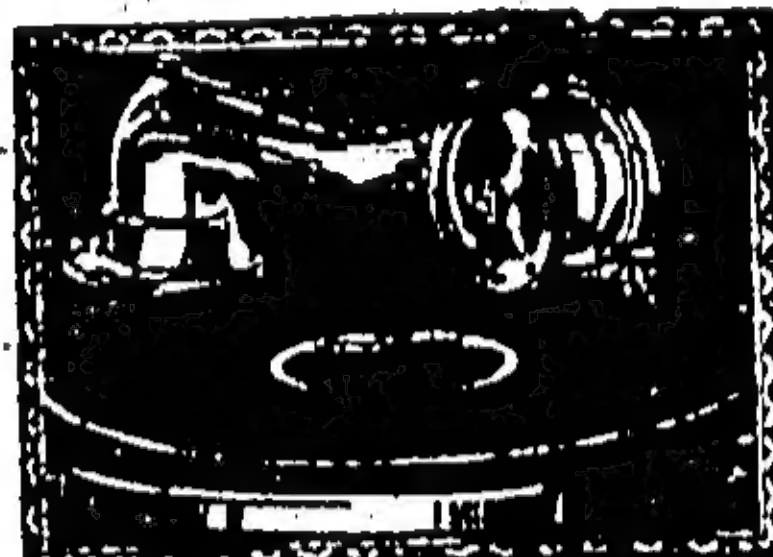
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There's nothing complicated  
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Magnesia overcomes stomach  
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harmful acid that's doing the  
mischief and it does this instantly.  
With the stomach and vital  
organs free from acid, there's no  
chance of fermentation, and the  
digestive system can do its work  
unhindered. The following  
extract from a letter is typical of  
thousands written by grateful  
users:—

"Bismarck Magnesia Tablets  
have saved me much pain and it  
is so nice to feel I can eat quite  
what I fancy instead of just  
plain food."

It makes no difference whether  
your trouble is Indigestion,  
Dyspepsia, Flatulence, Gastritis,  
or Pyloritis, Bismarck Mag-  
nesia is what you want and  
what you must have if your  
stomach is to be put to rights.  
Get a package from your chemist  
NOW, and when buying, look on  
the wrapper for the oval  
"BISMARCK" sign and firmly refuse  
substitutes. Don't forget this if  
you want something that will rid  
you of your stomach worries, and  
lack of manly vigor.

The Sign  
of the  
Genuine



See it on  
every  
Package

Manila warning:—Typhoon in  
Lat. 10° N. and Long. 115° E  
almost stationary. Road. 1d. 9h.  
00m.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24  
hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day,  
0.52 inch. Total since January  
1st, 71.88 inches, against an  
average of 52.10 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS  
ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW

District. Forecast.  
1. Formosa Channel } N. or  
} variable  
} winds,  
} moderate.

2. South coast of  
China between  
H.K. & Lamook  
3. H'kong to Gap  
Rock. } E. winds,  
} strong,  
} cloudy,  
} rain.

4. South coast of  
China between  
H.K. & Hainan  
5. F. OLAXTON, Director,  
Hongkong, August 1.

## PAKHOI NEWS.

REPORTED MURDER OF  
MISSIONARY.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Pakhoi, July 28.  
Wu Pei-fu, the Northern leader,  
has appointed a person of the  
name of Tang to be chief ad-  
ministrator of the new province of  
Kwong Nam, and this man has  
already arrived here and publicly  
announced his mission, but there  
have been no developments. It  
may be discovered later that this  
Northern leader is being deceived  
by the Sothorners.  
There are reports reaching us  
of Sun Yat-sen's forces coming  
west towards this place. Chan  
King-ming's forces have had to re-  
treat westward before superior  
numbers. Sun's forces are reported  
to have taken Nanning in  
Kwangsi and are now said to be  
coming south towards this part of  
Kwangtung.

Five Chinese were recently  
shot here for trafficking in children  
between here and Hongkong.  
Four of them were women.  
Another batch were ar-  
rested a few days ago on  
board the steamer Yuet Wah just  
before she left for Hongkong, and  
it is said that they will meet the  
same fate. Twelve children were  
taken from them.

News has reached here of the  
murder of an American mission-  
ary doctor on the Hainan Island.  
The report is to the effect that  
the doctor was carrying on at a  
mission station some two days  
journey from Hoihow, accom-  
panied by his wife and family.  
He was called out after dark to  
visit a sick person, accompanied  
by his coolie with a lighted lamp,  
and on the way the doctor was  
attacked by a gang of armed men  
and killed. It is said that Chinese  
soldiers have since taken in the  
corpses to Hoihow, accompanied  
by the deceased's wife and family.

On the 25th inst., the Hongkong  
Observatory reported a typhoon in  
this territory. There has been no  
signs of a typhoon anywhere near  
this place, nor have we heard  
anything about one.

## HOUSE DEMOLITION.

HEAVY FINE FOR NOT  
OBEYING ORDER.

At the Kowloon Magistracy,  
before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, this  
morning, Li Lam-ai and Chan  
Shui-kin, joint owners of No. 211,  
Shanghai Street, Yuenan, were  
charged on remand for not  
complying with a P. W. D. notice  
to pull down the premises within  
28 days.

Mr. Remedios, for the defence,  
said he had been informed by  
the architects, Messrs.  
Raven and Baste, that they  
were unable to pull down the  
premises because the tenants  
refused to quit and also because  
the adjoining owners refused to  
let the contractors go into the  
premises to shore up the party  
wall.

His Worship held that the  
defence was not good, saying  
that a legal notice had been  
served and it was the defendants'  
duty to take the necessary steps.  
In fining them \$150 each, he  
humorously remarked that the  
typhoon might save them the  
trouble of pulling the houses  
down, though they might even  
then be charged with man-  
slaughter.

## WHO'S WHO?

## SUPREME COURT TANGLE.

Heard in the Summary Court  
this morning:—

Mr. Hall:—I appear for all the  
defendants in this case, your  
Lordship.

His Lordship:—Don't you re-  
present the second defendant, Mr.  
MacCallum?

Mr. MacCallum:—I accepted  
the writ on his behalf, your Lord-  
ship.

His Lordship:—Do you repre-  
sent the fourth defendant as well?

Mr. Hall:—The writ hasn't been  
served yet—(laughter).  
His Lordship:—You had better  
determine between you who's who.

## SHIPPING NEWS

The following local shipping and mail intelligence has been  
corrected to noon to-day:

Vessels Arrived.			
Vessel	Agents	From	Mooring
Nagoya	P & O	London via Suez	40
Archer	O & A	Hong Kong	40
Australia	John Manners	London	40
Sunbeam	B & S	London	12
India	India	London	12
Nanchang	India	London	12
India	India	London	12
Clearances.			
Vessel	Agents	Where Bound	Departure
Archer	P & O	London via Suez	1st Aug.
Sunbeam	O & A	Hong Kong	1st Aug.
Australia	John Manners	London	1st Aug.
Sunbeam	B & S	London	1st Aug.
India	India	London	1st Aug.
Nanchang	India	London	1st Aug.
India	India	London	1st Aug.
Impending Departures.			
(Compiled from our Shipping Advertisements.)			
Vessel	Agents	Destination	Sailing
Nagoya	P & O	Kobe	1st Aug.
Archer	O & A	Hong Kong	1st Aug.
Australia	John Manners	London	1st Aug.
Sunbeam	B & S	London	1st Aug.
India	India	London	1st Aug.
Nanchang	India	London	1st Aug.
India	India	London	1st Aug.
Impending Arrivals.			
(Supplied by our Advertisers.)			
Vessel	Agents	From	Due Hongkong
Nagoya	P & O	Singapore	1st Aug.
Archer	O & A	Hong Kong	1st Aug.
Australia	John Manners	London	1st Aug.
Sunbeam	B & S	London	1st Aug.
India	India	London	1st Aug.
Nanchang	India	London	1st Aug.
India	India	London	1st Aug.

Impending Departures.			
(Compiled from our Shipping Advertisements.)			
Vessel	Agents	Destination	Sailing
Nagoya	P & O	Kobe	1st Aug
Hainong	D & A Co	Poochow	1st Aug
Patara	P & O	Kobe	2nd Aug
Changsha	B & S	Australian	2nd Aug
D. of Denmark	B & S	Yokohama	2nd Aug
Mausang	J M Co.	Sackaka	2nd Aug
Suzang	J M Co.	Manila	2nd Aug
Lieamberg	J M Co.	Bravia	2nd Aug
Tsiliwang	J M Co.	Shanghai	3rd Aug
Leung	J M Co.	Hiova	3rd Aug
Tataang	J M Co.	Swatow	3rd Aug
Yamba M	N Y & A	Japan	3rd Aug
Taittybia	B & S	Vancouver	3rd Aug
Amz re	M M	Marcellise	3rd Aug
R exeter	B & S	Hamburg	3rd Aug
Chakeng	A M Co.	Pawto	4th Aug
Halfong	D L & Co.	Po chow	4th Aug
Fookang	J M Co.	Yokohama	4th Aug
Beredon	B & S	Sh ng'ai	4th Aug
P. Grifild	D Y L	San Francisco	4th Aug
West Kato	B & S	Los Angeles	4th Aug
Taketoyo M	N Y & A	Panama	5th Aug
.....	M M	Yokohama	7th Aug

## Impending Arrivals.

(Supplied by our Advertisers.)

Vessel	Agents	From	Due Hongkong
Tomba M	N Y K	Singapore	1st Aug
Il-czeror	B & S	Singapore	2nd Aug
Arpedon	B & S	Singapore	3rd Aug
Eurypia	B & S	Singapore	3rd Aug
Autopnea	G L & Co	Singapore	4th Aug
E. of Australia.	O P & L	Yokohama	6th Aug
Mendun	B & S	Hankow	7th Aug
Amey Le Bideau	H M	Seig n	12th Aug
Kamo M.	N Y K	Sura	16th Aug
Wachon	H M & A	Yokohama	17th Aug
Gl-uos	B & S	Hankow	18th Aug
Eumma's	B & S	D. Iny	21st Aug
A'rens	B & S	Manila	1st Sep

## Consignees Diary.

(Compiled from our Advertisements.)

Vessel	Agents	Goods Stored	Free Storage Expires	Claims to be in by	Examination Date
Yarra	T & Co.	Kowloon	Aug. 3	Aug. 7	Aug. 5
V. Asia	D & Jo.	Kowloon	Aug. 5	Aug. 16	Aug. 8
Alcubach	G L Co.	Kowloon	Aug. 5	Aug. 12	Aug. 5
P. J. Chen	B L L	Kowloon	Aug. 6	Aug. 20	Aug. 9
Boatman	J C L	Kowloon	Aug. 6	Aug. 9	Aug. 5
Tenre M.	T E K	P & S	Aug. 6	Aug. 11	Aug. 12
Australias	J M Co.	Kowloon	Aug. 7	Aug. 12	Aug. 7

## Steamers' Movements.

Glauco arrived at Boston on 28th July.

Empire of Australia arrived at Hongkong on 2nd Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th Aug. 12th 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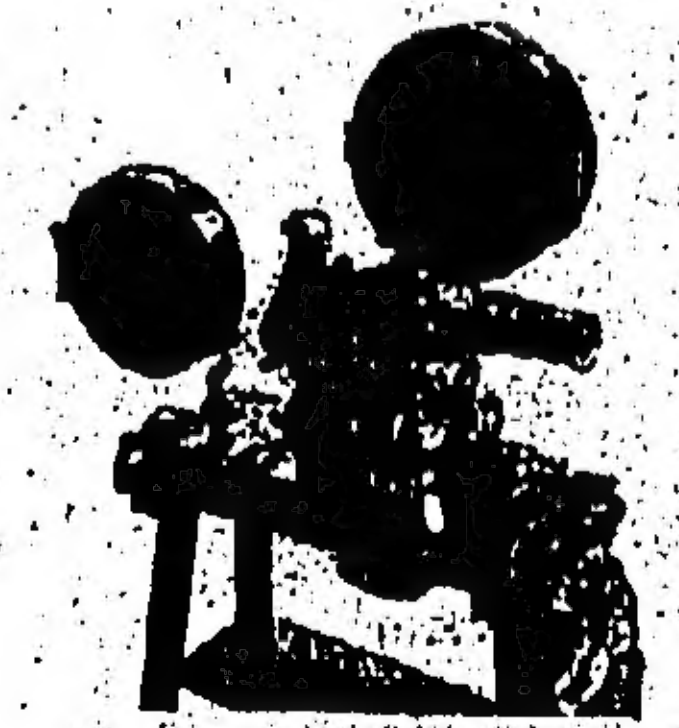


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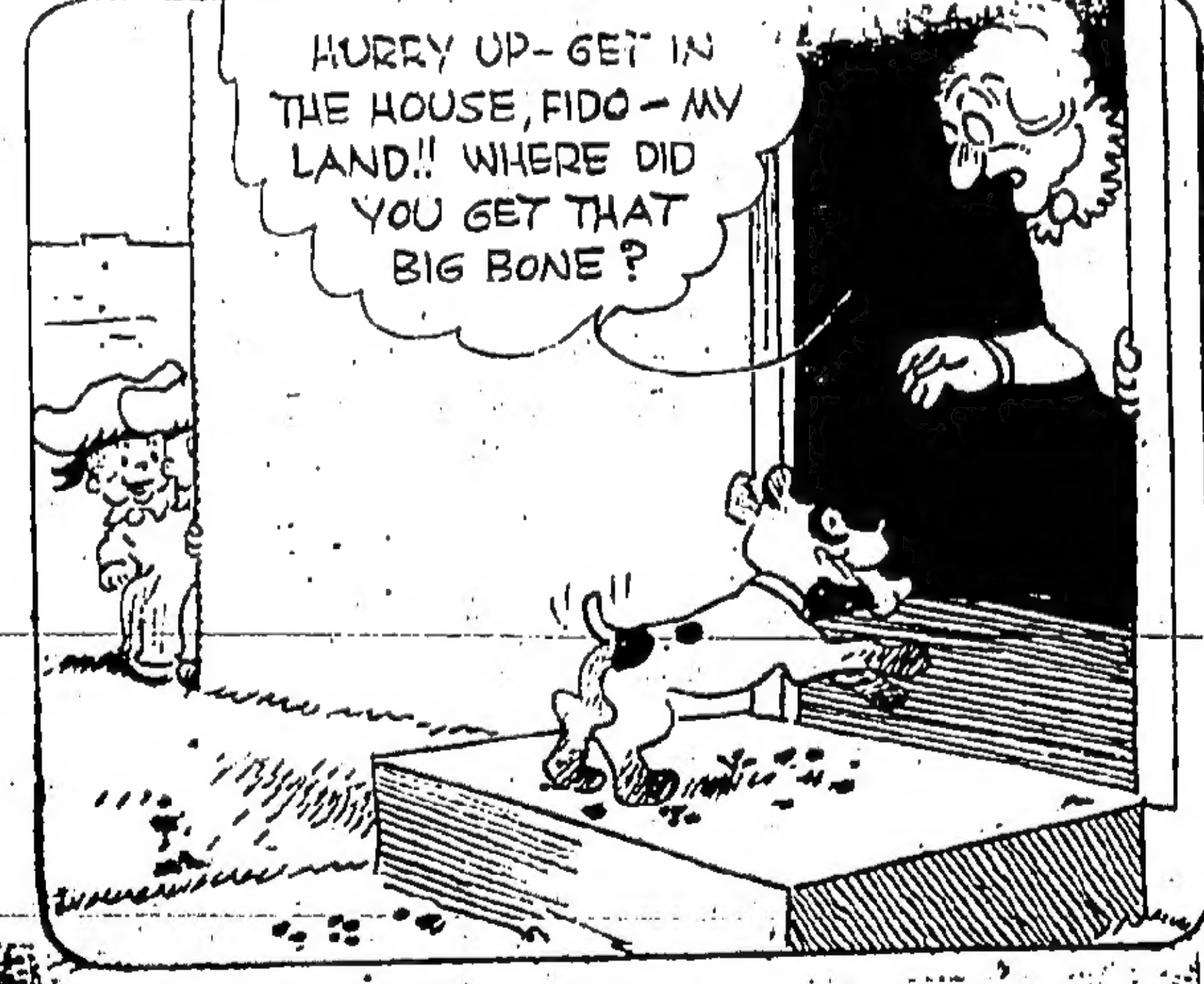
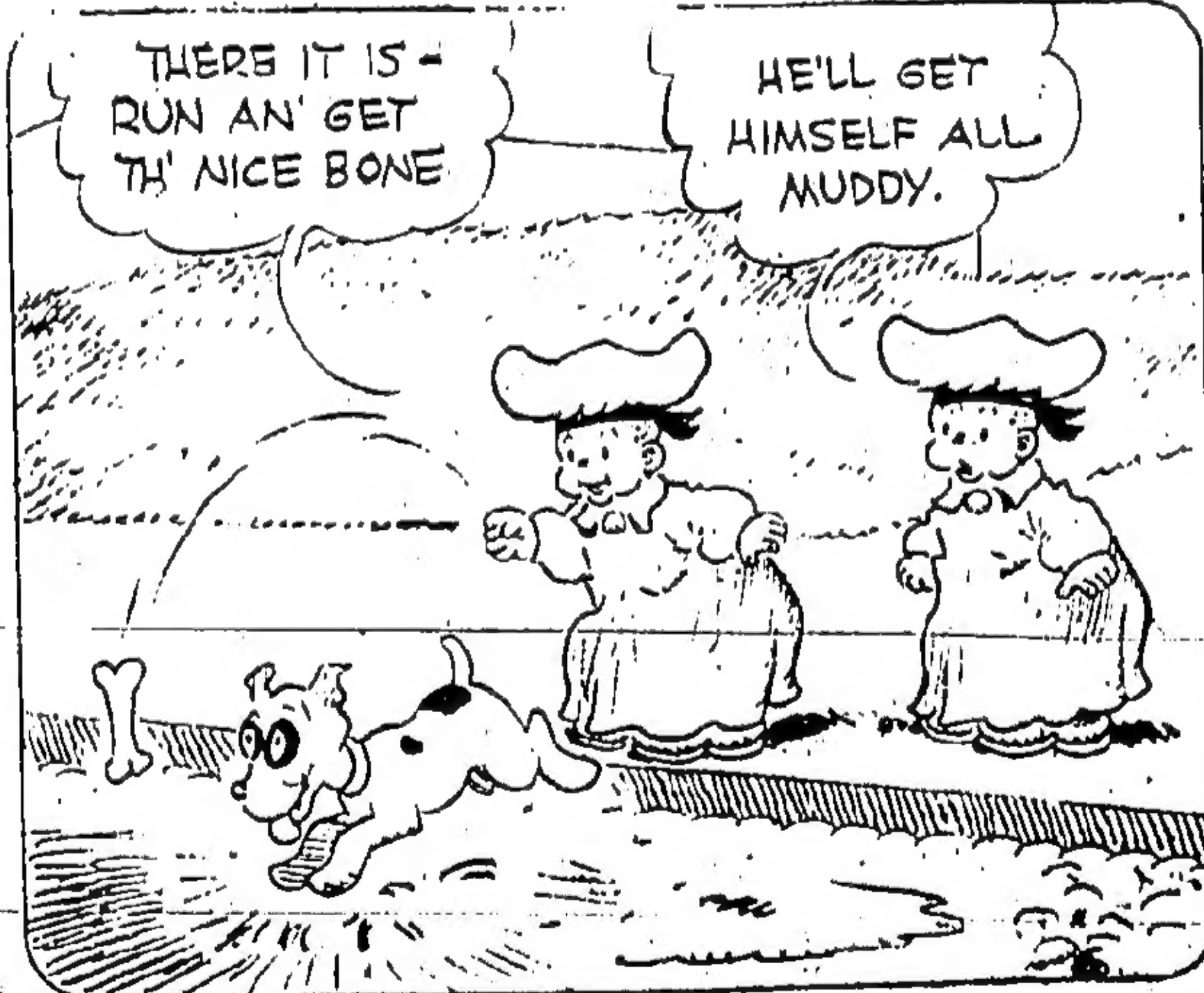
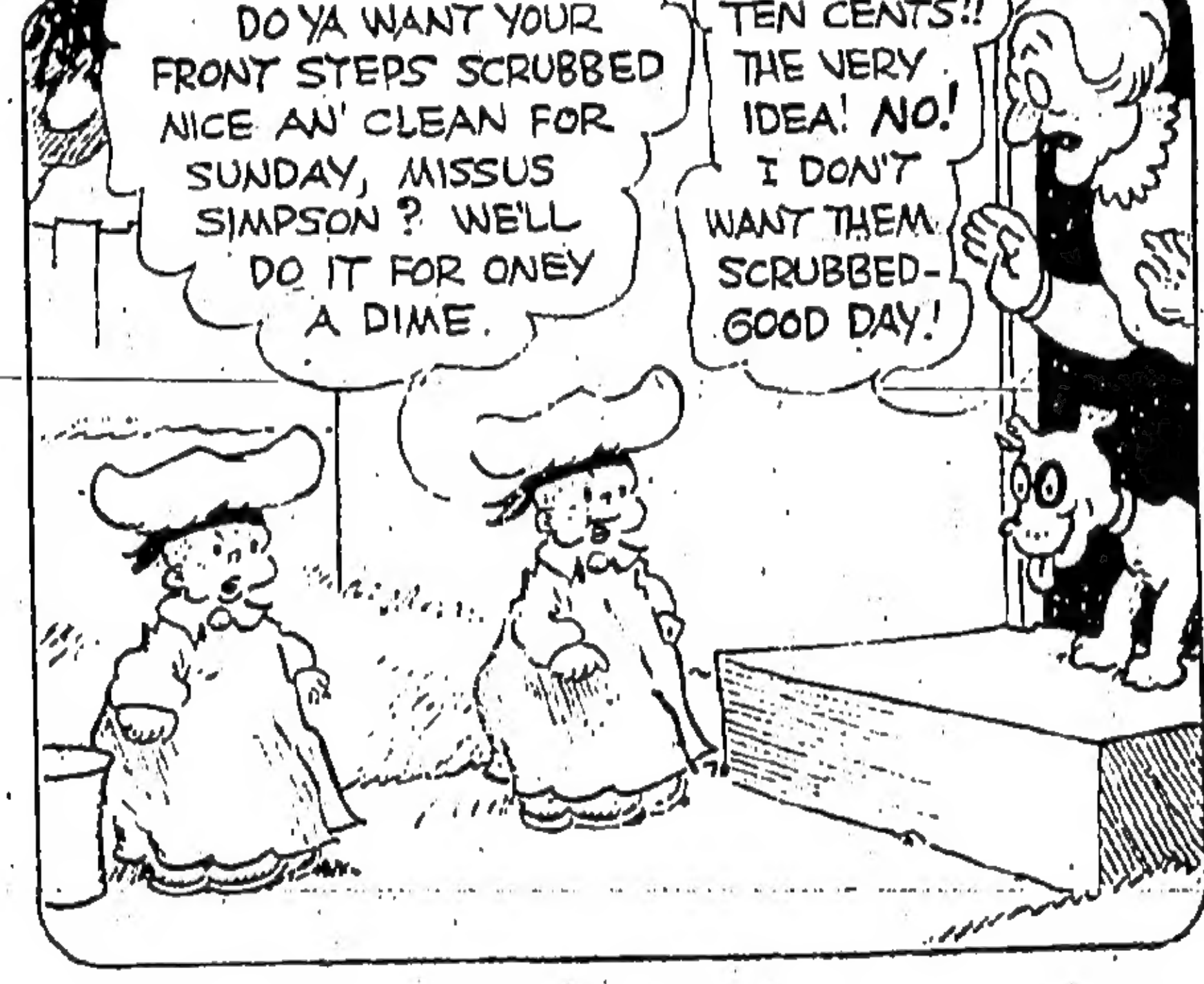
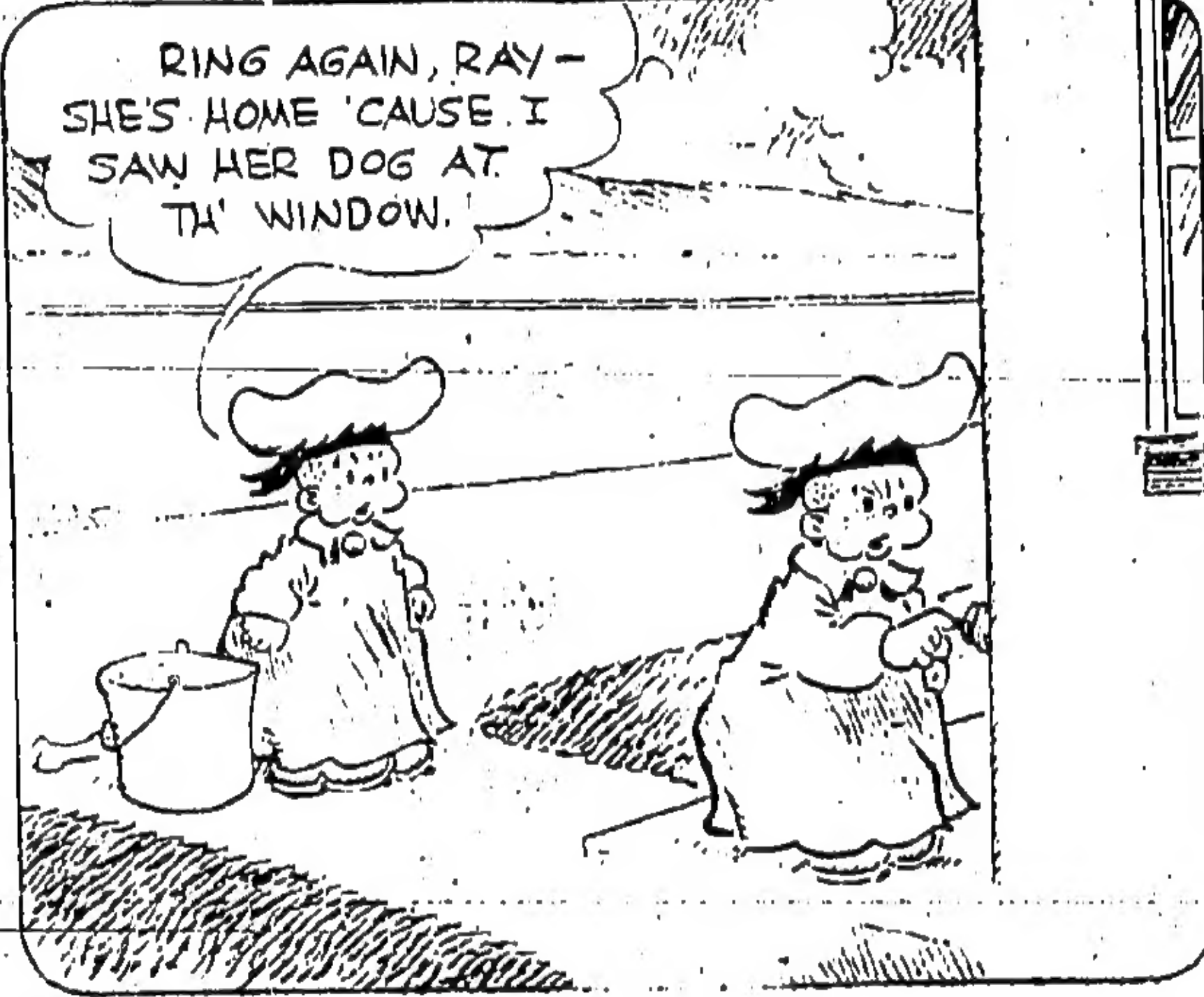
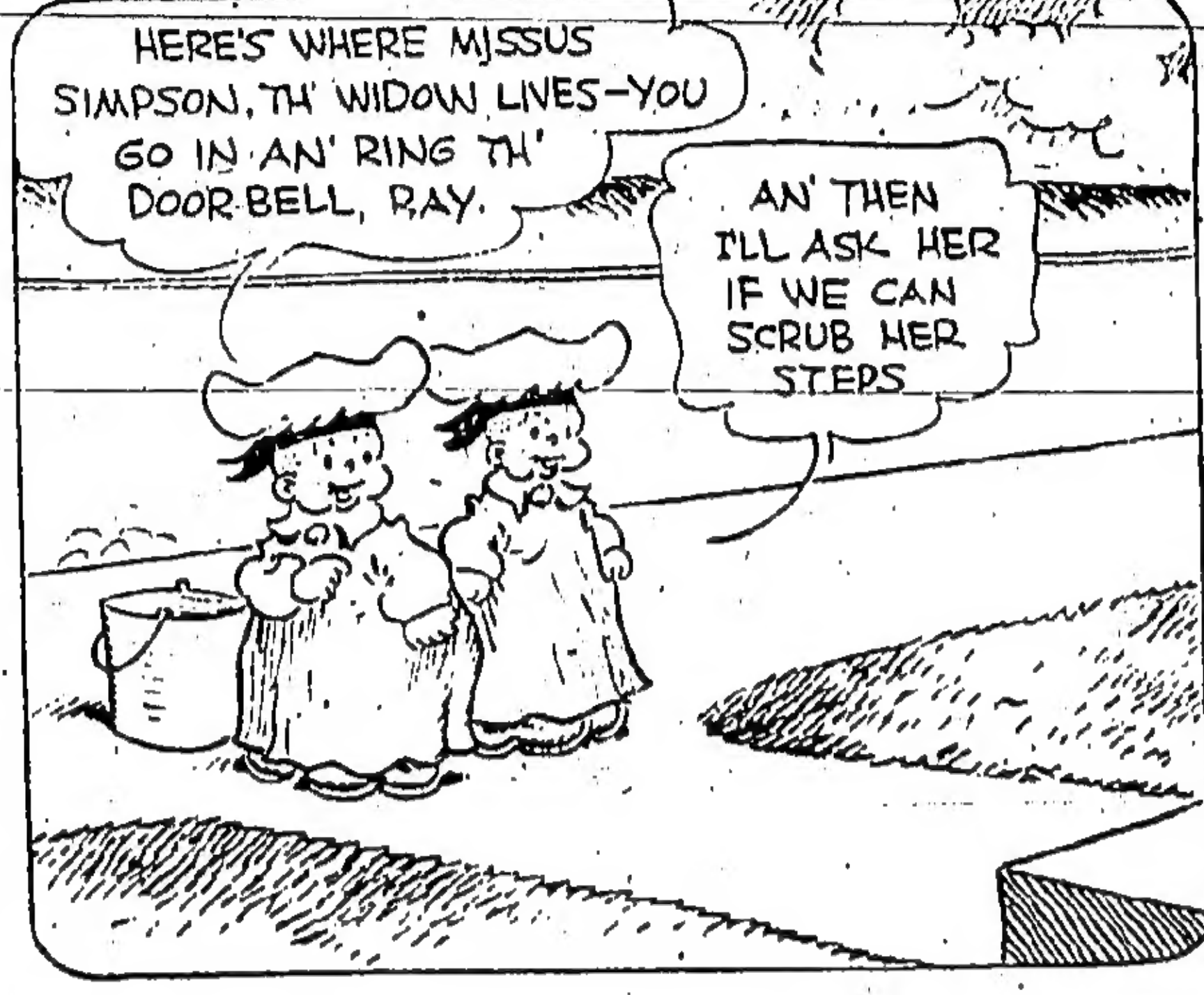
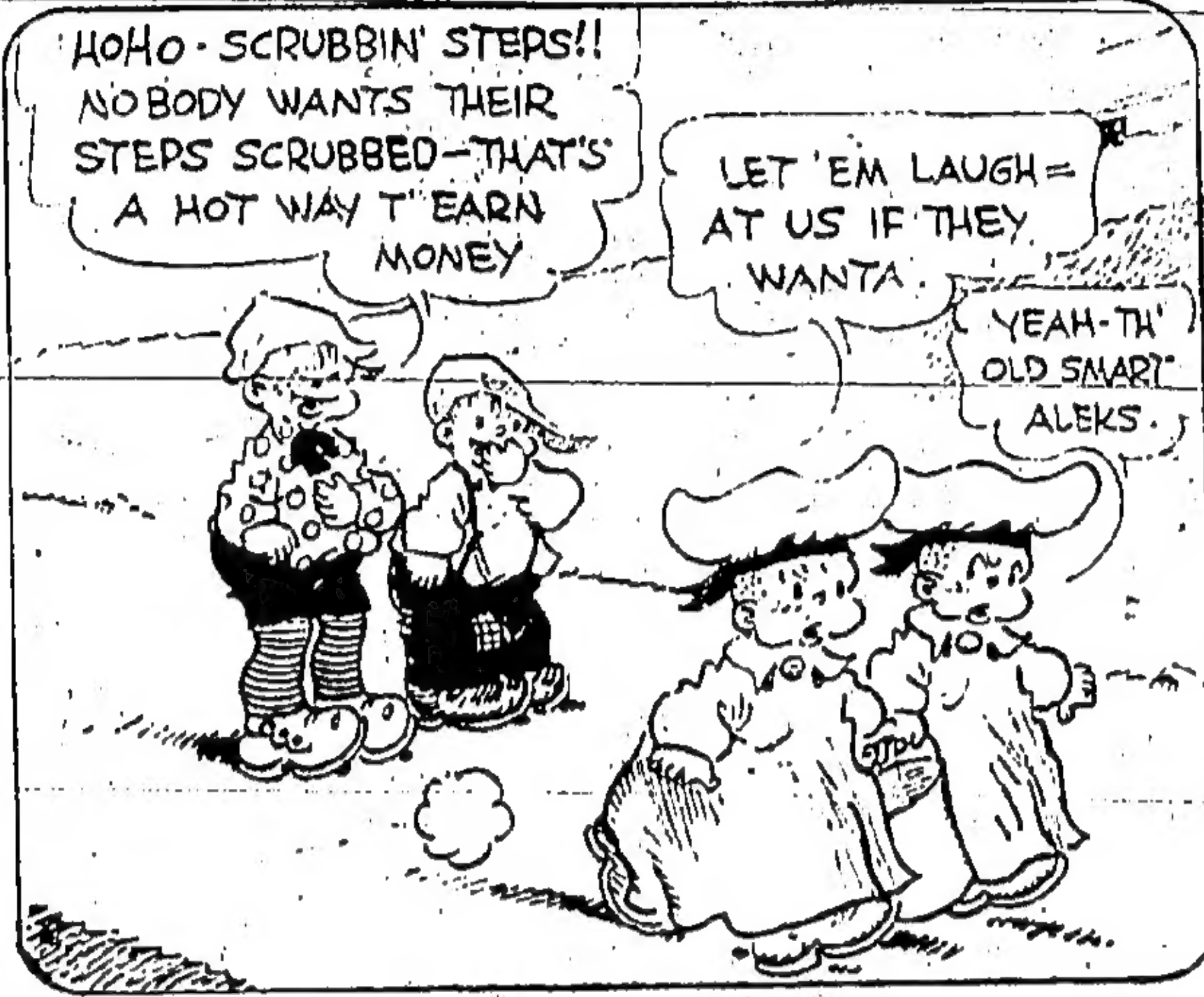
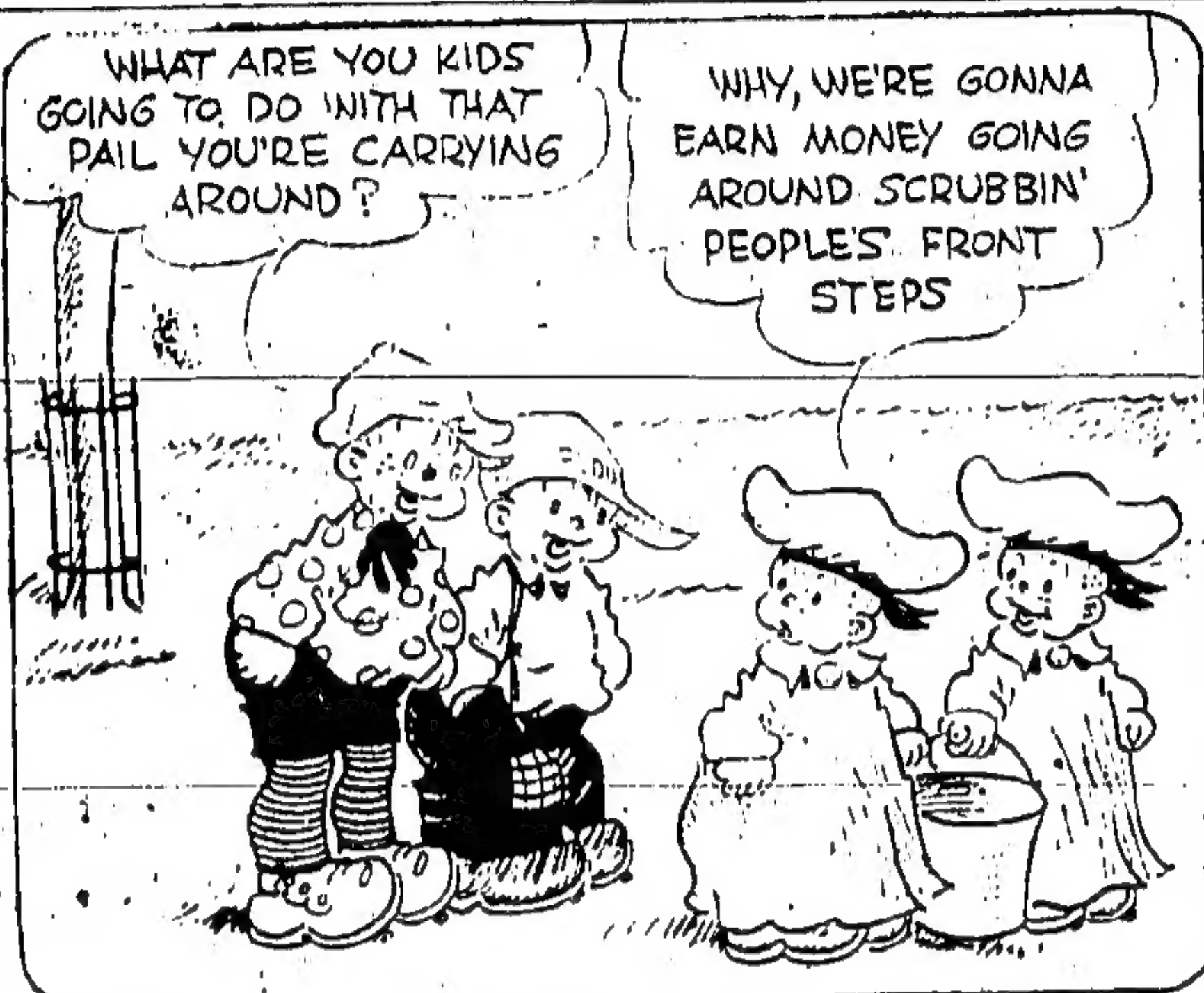








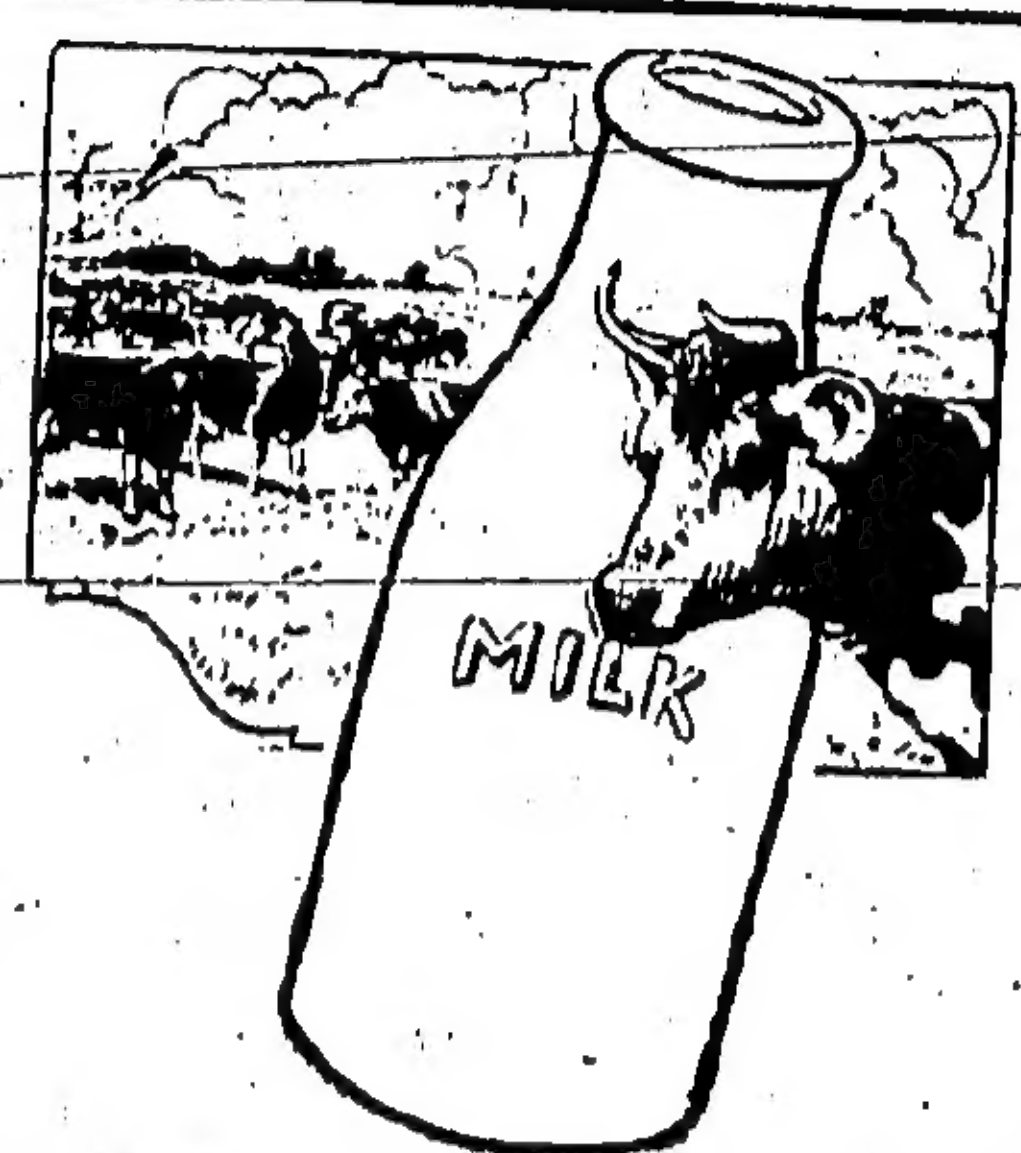






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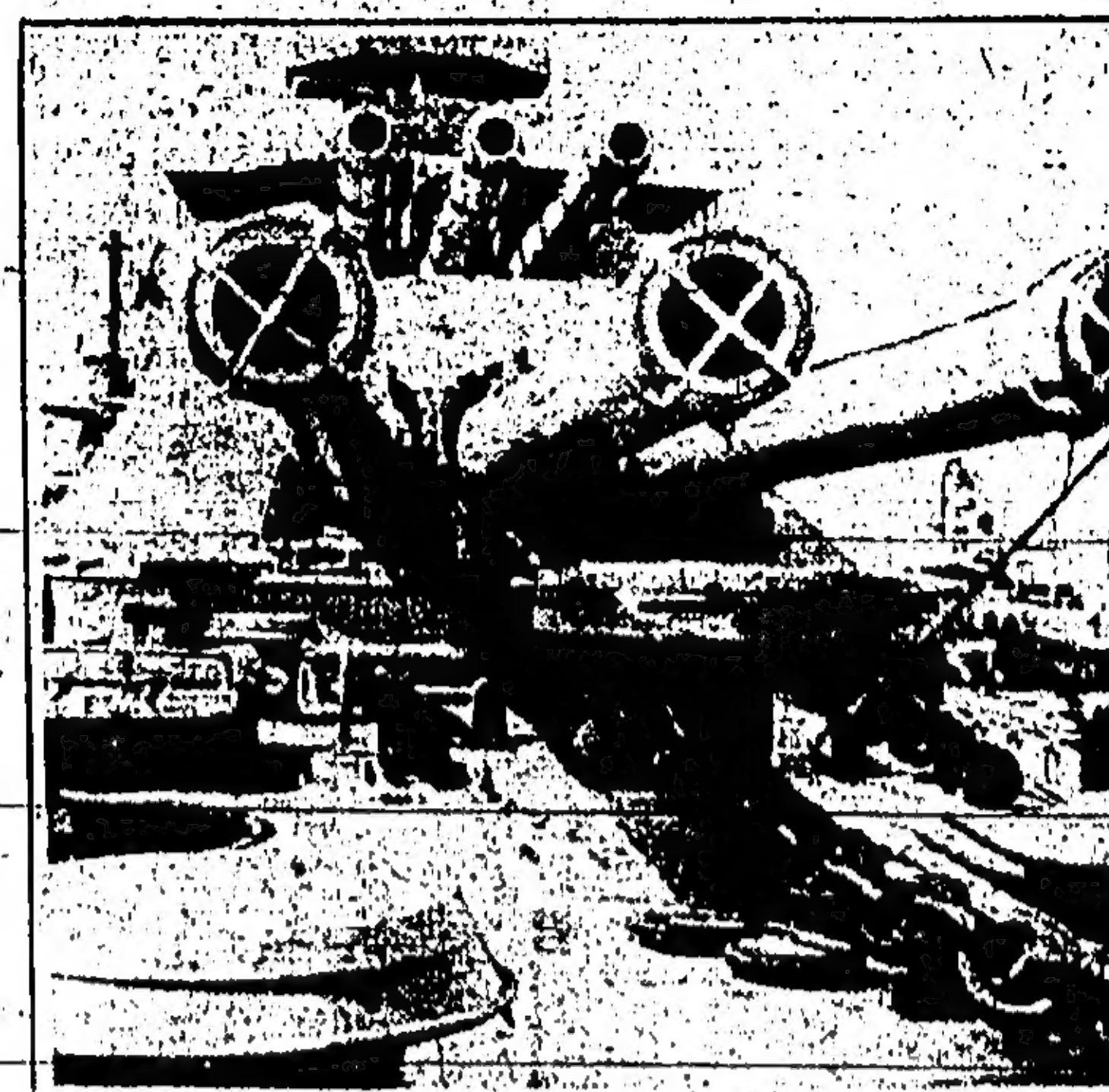
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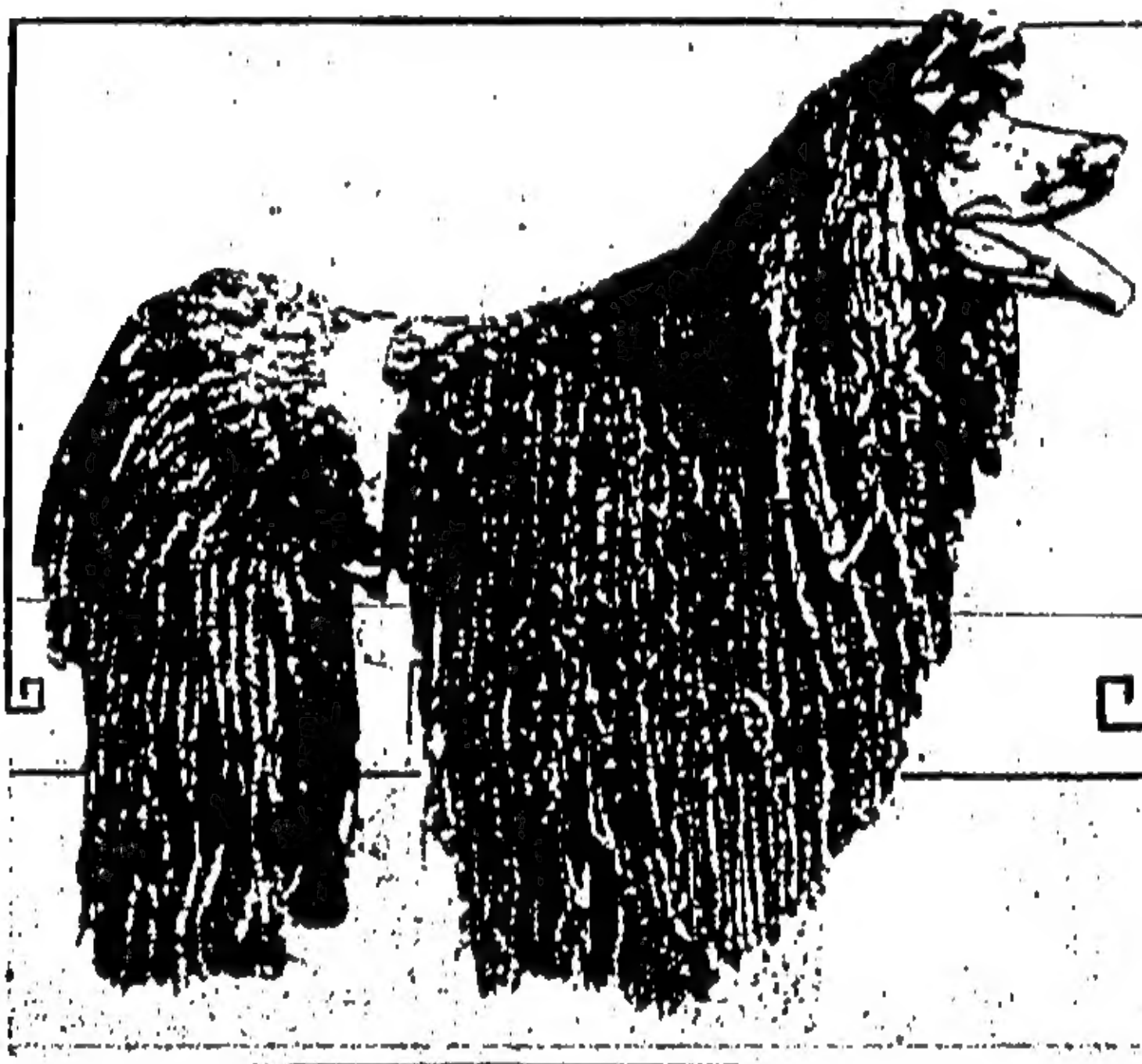
**TEACHING SWIMMING.**—Once the greatest swimmer in the world, Duke Kahanamoku is now a swimming instructor in the Golden West, and a very competent one. You see him here giving a pupil a few ins and outs about the science of aquatics.



**SEEKS DIVORCE.**—Lysiane Bernhardt, grand-daughter of the late "Divine Sarah," who is seeking a divorce from her author-husband Louis Verneuil, of Paris and incidentally is writing a novel and preparing for the stage.



**RECENT DISASTER.**—This view of one of the turrets on the battleship Mississippi was secured through courtesy of the U. S. Navy department. On the interior of one of the turrets occurred the explosion that spelled death for 48 men.



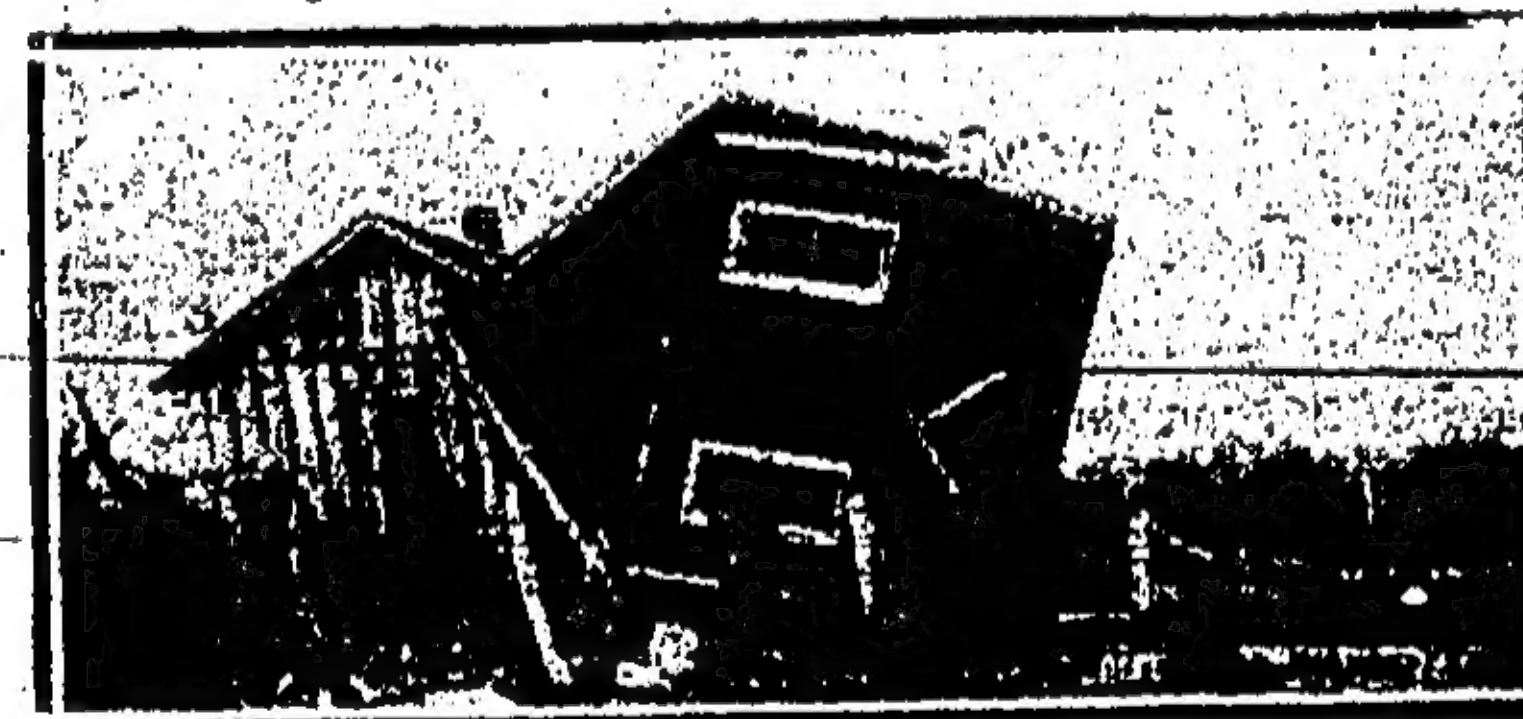
**"SOME" DOG.**—"Captain Swift," long-haired poodle, is all dressed up for the show. He even submitted to the curling iron. He won first prize at the Ladies' Kennel Club in London.



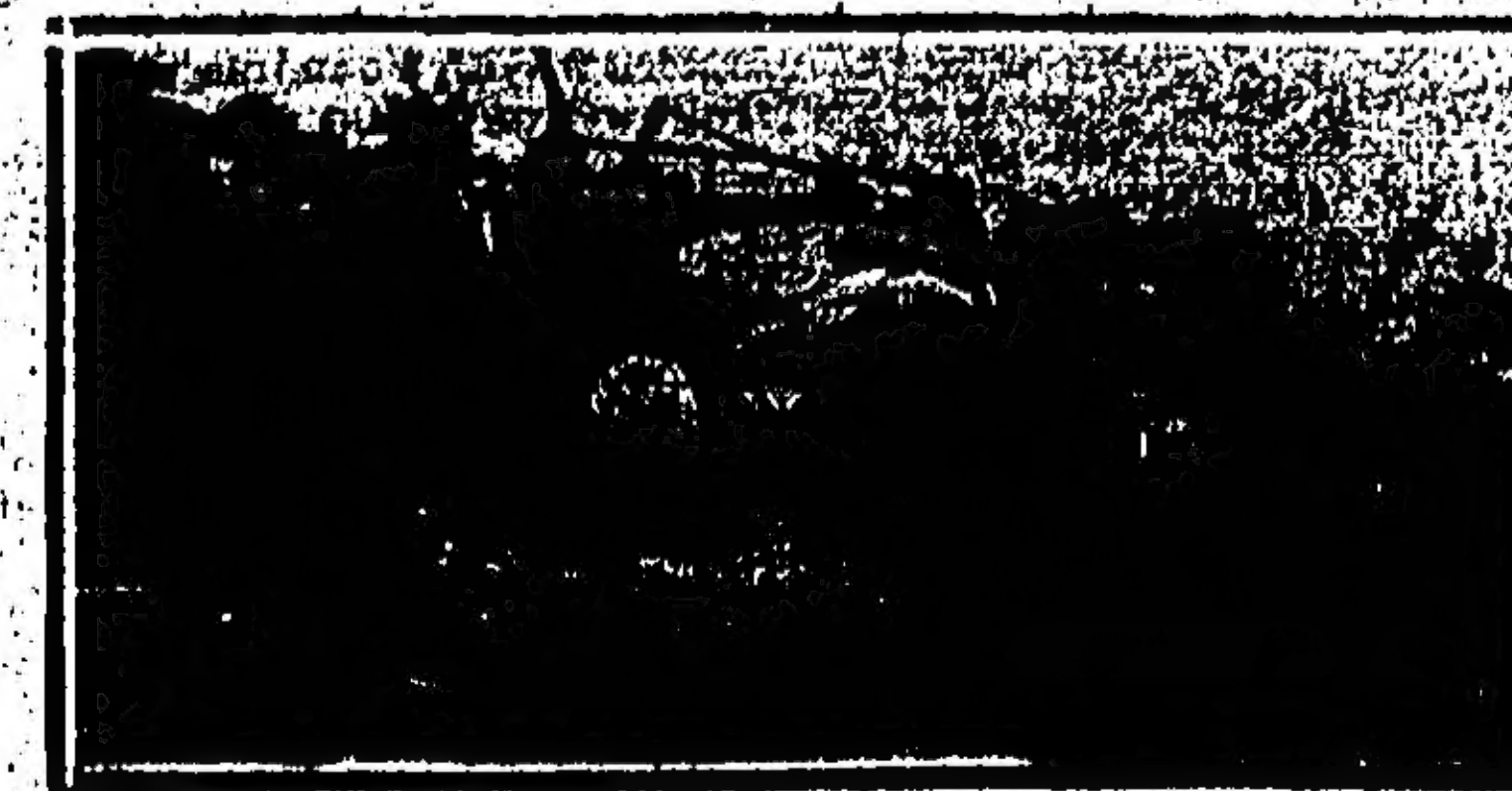
**WILD ASS RUNS ON ONE FOOT.**—This picture is one of a group, the only photographs in existence of the wild ass of Mongolia. It was taken by the Roy Chapman Andrews expedition. This remarkable animal, as the picture shows, is so speedy that most of the time it has only one foot on the ground, the three being in the air simultaneously.



**PRE-HISTORIC MONSTERS IN CHINA.**—Restoration of the bones found by the Roy Chapman Andrews expedition in the Gobi desert last year has been made at the Museum of Natural History in New York, and copies of the artist's conception of the prehistoric animals have been brought to China, and will be presented soon to the Geological Survey Museum at Peking, together with a collection of some of the finest fossils which were discovered.



**HOUSE BLOWN AWAY.**—Nine were killed and 40 injured when a tornado swept the town of Wetumka. Here is what the storm did to one house. It blew it 100 yards, hurling it against another.



**SMASHED BY TORNADO.**—This is what happens when a tornado hits a motor car. The machine here was wrecked by one at Wetumka.



## CRIME AND PRISONS.

## INCREASE OF PIRATE ACTIVITIES.

Hongkong's reputation for lawlessness during the past few years is maintained by the statistics given in the report of the Captain Superintendent of Police for 1923. Compared with an average for the last five years of 12,567 cases being reported to the police, there were 13,939 reports in 1922 and 14,200 last year. However, the serious offences decreased by nearly 6 per cent.

In the course of 1923 there were 22 murder reports, 6 cases of manslaughter, 19 attempted murders, and 174 robberies and assaults with intent to rob. Kidnapping jumped from 2 cases in 1922 to 11 last year.

## CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

The strength of the Criminal Investigation Department on December 31st, 1923, was:—

Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors, Europeans 15, Chinese nil; Sergeants, 8 and 14; Lance Sergeants, 9 and 23; Chinese Constables, 94.

The attention of this department has been directed chiefly to the suppression of crime within the Colony. "Other branches of Criminal Investigation work have not received the attention that may be possible in more peaceful times," says the report.

## PIRACIES.

While serious crime within the Colony has diminished, says the C. P. S., piracy has become a very serious menace. This may be ascribed chiefly to the unsettled conditions in South China. The number of Hongkong vessels pirated has been but a fraction of the number of Chinese craft looted by pirates in the Delta. On November 15th extra temporary searchers were engaged. The piracy of the Cheung Chau launch "Li Fat" showed the necessity of searching ferry launches plying within the waters of the Colony. Extra men were required for this work. The searchers are regular duty constables under the supervision of European detective officers. The strength of the searching staff for outgoing steamers was on 31st December, 1923:—Europeans 5, Chinese (regular) 30, Chinese (temporary) 15.

Twelve piracies were reported locally, one in March, one in April, two in May, one in July, two in September, two in October, one in November, and two in December. One haul was put at \$40,000, and another at \$60,000. In several cases there was loss of life.

The actual strength of the Police Force on December 10th last was:—225 Europeans, 489 Indians, and 958 Chinese.

The Superintendent of Prisons in his report for last year states that the inmates numbered 5,338 compared with 5,014 the previous

## DAY BY DAY.

The Canton Government intends taxing photographers twenty per cent. on their retail charges.

A Sheklung report says that the Kwangsi and Yunnan troops have had a battle over possession of a shipment of rice destined for the former, over a hundred casualties being suffered on both sides.

A Manila telegram to the *Daily Bulletin* says the Shipping Board steamer Stanley, operated by the Admiral Line, in sending an "S.O.S." message from Balabac, in the Strait of Malacca, reports a serious breakdown and that aid is urgently requested.

A Macao message says the police chief at Chinsan have requested the Canton Government to protest to the Macao Government on account of Macao police disinterring the body of an infant from a grave beyond the Portuguese border in connection with certain criminal proceedings.

One of the Government's oldest and most respected servants has retired, in the person of Mr. T. M. Xavier, A. M. I. C. E., assistant engineer of the P. W. D. He joined the Department as far back as 1887 and is now in his 55th year. During his long service he has rendered much appreciated work in connection with road construction in the Colony. As a mark of the high esteem in which he was held, his colleagues have presented him with a silver cigar and cigarette box the presentation being made by the Hon. Mr. T. H. Creasy, Director of Public Works.

We have received from Messrs. Caldbeck, Macgregor and Co., Ltd., a most interesting little booklet telling the story of the Aquarius Company and explaining the process of manufacture of this Company's famous products, which are known the world over. The booklet is nicely illustrated, and gives details of the new factory erected in Shanghai. Absolute safeguard is provided against any kind of impurity in manufacture, from the fact that Aquarius waters are not only filtered but distilled after filtration, whilst all bottles are scalded during the process of cleaning. Messrs. Caldbeck, Macgregor and Co. will be happy to supply anyone with copies of the booklet on application.

twelve months. Of these, 143 per cent. had previous convictions. One hundred and two prisoners were whipped by order of the Courts, and five executions were carried out.

## TWO-MINUTE TALKS A Daily Tonic By ROBERT POWER

## A BOX OF BUTTERFLIES.

I love to linger by our village school. Sometimes it is when the school is in session, and then I hear the hum of childish voices, the clear treble mingling with the bass of the master. In the morning I hear them repeat a prayer and sing a hymn. Or they march round the gravelled playground, demure and subdued, for the Domino is there, watching his flock as obediently they step in unison, or do their physical exercises. He is their Master, and his word is Law.

But the hour of release strikes and out they flutter! "Like the opening of a box of butterflies!" was an apt illustration given me by a friend. I can think of no better, unless I fall back upon Tom Hood's similitude in "Eugene Aram." He depicts the boys flocking out of the village school at which Eugene was an usher, and compares them to "troutlets in a pool." Little glittering flashing creatures!

Hither and thither, hither and thither they run, making for their village homes, hungry, or lingering behind to gossip, shout and chatter. Yet stay! I see that even this little commonwealth of *Juvenalia* has its ebb and oddities and strong and weak-willed children. There are those who walk more quietly, peeping at a paper, the studious boy who will perhaps be remembered as a model scholar. Yet alas for the bright hopes of childhood pro-

misal! How often does the dull boy outstrip in life's race the Example of the class, while again the incorrigible, so often reprovand and punished, shines forth upon the Roll of Fame.

There are those who cleave together a veritable David and Jonathan in friendship. With arms entwined they saunter homeward, knit by the sweet bonds of childish love. Their little hearts are open to each other; their confidences are sacred. The years will sunder them; sometimes in the rush of life we may stand still, and pause to recall with a kindling eye the vows and aspirations of those exchanged in schoolboy days.

Happy children flocking out of school, and going each your careless ways. So in imagination I follow you along the devious paths of life. This one treading the road to Fortune; that one sinking in a rut of humdrum circumstances. Some perhaps destined to have a name writ deep upon the records made by Fame; others to live and die "unwept, unhonoured, and unsung."

It maybe there are those marked down by Death, while length of years is hidden in the Fate of others.

So runs the way of life, yet over all is the wise oversight of the Great Domino, who knoweth all, and watcheth over every little spring-life.

## POLICY IN INDIA.

## LORD CHELMSFORD'S STATEMENT.

London, July 31. A clear statement of the Government's policy in India was made by Lord Chelmsford in the House of Lords, reading Mr. MacDonald's letter to the *Hindu*, last January as the embodiment of the present policy, declaring that full discretion would be left to the Government of India to enforce the law. The British Government would support the Government of India in any action they felt it necessary to take to quell a revolutionary movement.—*Reuter*.

## NAVAL POWER.

## ANOTHER SINGAPORE DEBATE.

London, July 31. The Conservatives have again attempted to reverse the Singapore decision. Mr. Amery in the House of Commons moving the reduction of the naval vote as a protest against the naval programme, and urging a comprehensive scheme of replacement, besides a reversal of the decision as regards Singapore, the importance of which, he said, did not lie in the Pacific but in the Indian Ocean, which it would effectually cover from outside invasion.

Comdr. Kenworthy said that though the Government were absolutely right, he believed there was a Liberal and a Democratic movement in Japan which would respond to the invitation for a disarmament conference.

Comdr. Bellairs expressed the opinion that if we were to bear this burden of armaments, the Dominions ought to help us.

Mr. Ammon said the Premier was fully occupied with other matters, but as soon as possible every step would be taken to convene an international conference. Meantime, the Government would maintain what it considered the right margin of safety without doing anything which might be considered provocative.

## TO BARGAIN WITH.

Mr. Ammon said in the course of his reply that all the Washington signatories had abided by their agreement, and nobody had made a greater reduction than Britain. He saw no reason for revision of the Singapore decision. He denied that there was strong feeling in Australia where there was a division of opinion on the matter. He pointed out that in view of the distance between Australia and Japan, it was not so easy for the latter to wreak her will on Australia as might be thought. He said Singapore gave Mr. MacDonald something to bargain with, and failing a satisfactory decision we would regretfully have to establish a base there.

Mr. Amery's motion was negatived by 226 to 182.—*Reuter*.

## RUBBER RESTRICTION.

London, July 31. The standard production of rubber exportable at the minimum duty from Ceylon, the Straits Settlements and Malay States for the quarter beginning August 1st, is officially fixed at fifty-five per cent.—*Reuter*.

## DYNAMITE.

## GAOL FOR POSSESSION.

For having in his possession 550 detonators without a permit from the Captain Superintendent of Police, a Chinese was fined \$75, with the alternative of two months' hard labour, by Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

Defendant pleaded guilty to possession but stated that his master in Saiyungpun had a permit.

Sub Inspector Reynolds, in evidence, said that he visited a house in Ngan Tan-kok Village, Kowloon City, at 9.30 p.m. yesterday and after searching for three quarters of an hour he found four boxes of detonators hidden in a jar in the cockloft. Two further boxes were discovered later.

Defendant's master stated that accused was one of his folk who looked after the quarry. It was not his duty to look after the dynamite. Defendant had no authority to take dynamite from the magazine. The dynamite did not belong to witness, as his had all been used.

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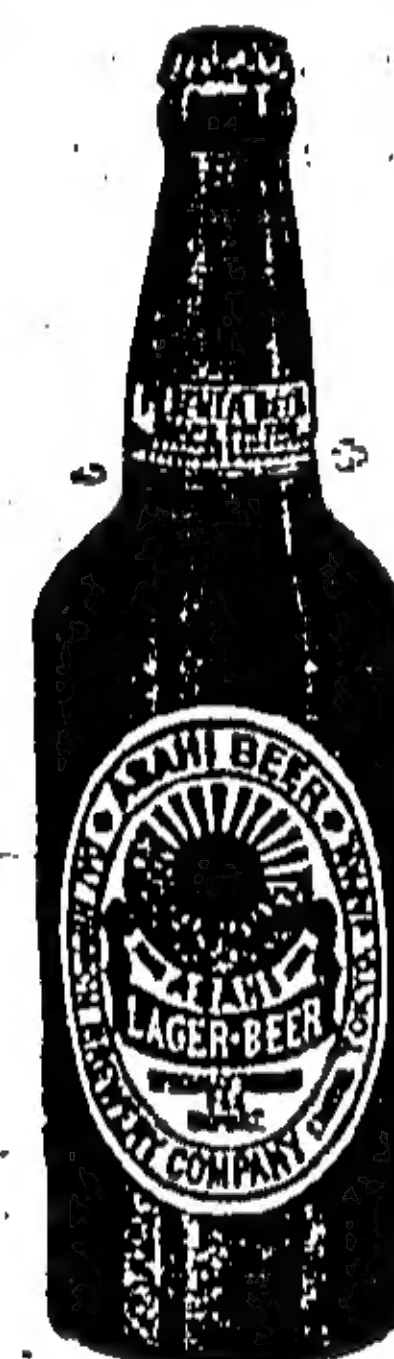
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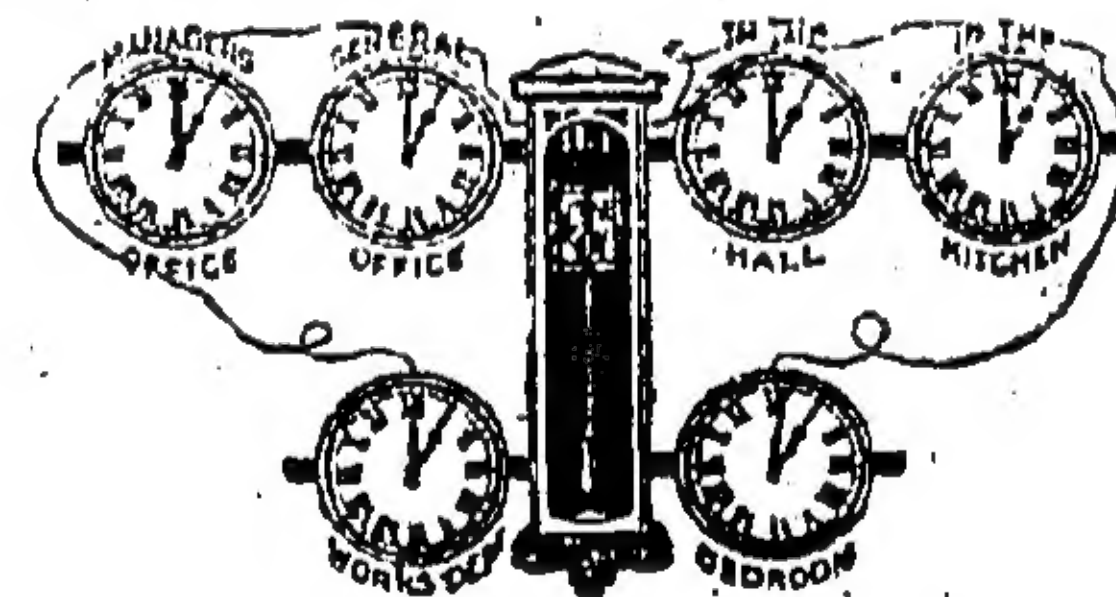
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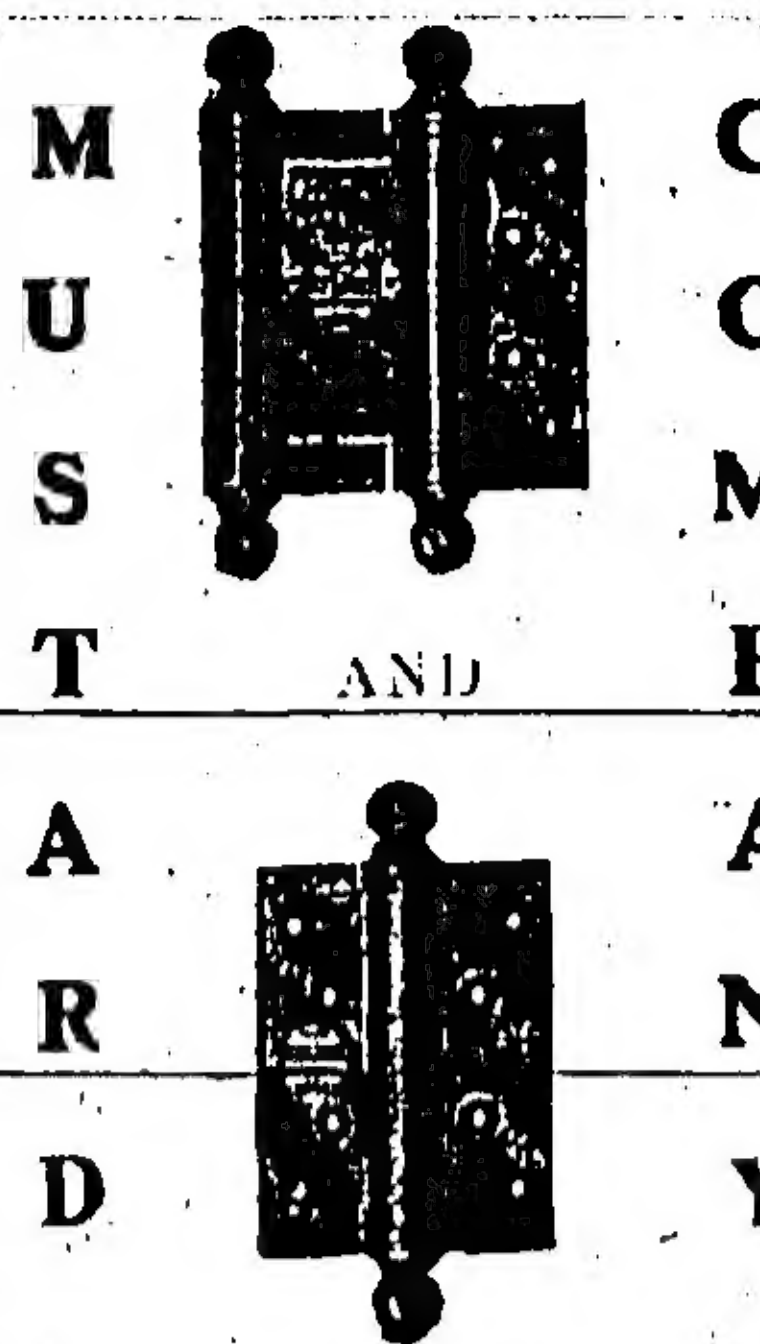
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### The Telegraph.

HONGKONG, 1st Aug., 1924.

### LIFE-SAVING ON SHIPS.

That there is need of a drastic revision of the life-saving appliances rules in the case of vessels holding Hongkong passenger certificates is, we think, made apparent in the report of the committee which has been considering this subject and has now submitted its recommendations thereon. It seems to us essential that there should be no cause for placing this big shipping port in a low category in this regard. The incident which necessitated the appointment of the committee mentioned was referred to in our issue of yesterday, and it shows that an ocean-going steamer which held a Hongkong certificate was found on arrival in Australia to fall very short of what was necessary in the interests of the safety of life of both passengers and crew. The matter is, admittedly, not an easy one with which to deal, owing to the peculiar conditions prevailing in Hongkong and the Far East generally. That point is emphasised in the committee's report, especially in regard to the conveying of masses of Chinese to and from their fields of labour. It is thus considered impracticable to provide on ships engaged in this trade a sufficient number of boats to accommodate all persons on board, whilst, on the other hand, to reduce the number of passengers so as to make this "boats for all" principle possible would drive the trade to vessels under the registry of China, whose maritime laws are quite rightly described by the committee as being "practically non-existent."

The Committee which has been considering this question was composed of practical men, fully acquainted with shipping matters, and the fact that two of its members were Government servants serves to stress the necessity for drastic alteration, seeing that they were at one

with their colleagues in making the recommendations. It is now urged that foreign-going vessels engaged on trade routes outside the Far East should possess a certificate in all respects the same as that issued by the Board of Trade, and that important alterations be made in the rules regarding boats running in Far Eastern seas and on the rivers. In this connection, we would especially draw attention to the suggested compulsory provision of wireless on both the latter classes of boats, and also that additional freeboard be enforced during the typhoon season on ocean-going vessels in the Far East. Such reforms have long been advocated, and they are considerably overdue. Now that this representative Committee has definitely urged their adoption, we sincerely trust that effect will be given to them without any unnecessary delay. In this vitally important matter, we do not want to see past experience repeated by the pigeon-holing of the report after so much time and trouble has been spent on the matter by men whose opinions are deserving of every consideration.

### A Libelled Colony.

Hongkong has had, of late years, considerable publicity, perhaps more than any other part of the Empire of similar size, but unfortunately a great deal of that publicity has been of a bad kind. The *Anti-Social* agitation was brought about by a state of affairs that required remedying, but the methods of drawing attention to it were not always fair, and considerable exaggeration was indulged in for the purpose of laying stress on the chief points of the evil. That "blot" having been removed, the reformers have apparently been on the look-out for something else that requires cleansing. Possibly this Colony has by now gained the reputation of being an Augean stable, owing to the loose statements made about its social evils. Such diatribes as have been aimed at Hongkong recently cannot be allowed to pass without a strong protest, and it is therefore most gratifying to find our principal public men joining unanimously in a vigorous denunciation of the false and grossly coloured description of local moral laxity. Any impartial commission must realise within a few days how the Colony has been libelled, and it is only right that a local representative should be able to add his testimony in any enquiry which is instituted. Interfering agitators at Home should be shown, as one speaker at yesterday's Council meeting remarked, that this is not a place where marionettes are prepared to dance to the wire-pulling of the Home authorities, at the behest of any sealer after self-advertisement who chooses to ask questions in Parliament.

### Pure Water.

The Government replies to questions about our water supply, at the Legislative Council meeting yesterday, will remove many doubts that have existed about the care taken to ensure a pure supply from local reservoirs. We think that Hongkong can ordinarily boast of a very satisfactory water supply, so that there is no need to boil and filter all tap water. However, the lack of means to serve the growing demand has led to the supply of a considerable volume of water that has insufficient care bestowed on it. What is known as "bottom water" has been turned into the mains, so that discoloured supplies have been complained of in certain districts. We have the official assurance, now, that this muddy water is not dangerous, and that where insufficient filtration has been the rule, owing to the inadequate reserves, there has been sterilisation of the fluid with chlorine of lime. So we can take it that there is nothing much to worry about in the supply from our taps. Whatever may be said, however, there remains the admission that the Pokfulam water, though now described as "above standard," has been for a period in a bad state of contamination. The question naturally occurs whether it should have been supplied to the public in that state, without even a warning. Whatever else the typhoid scare might result in, it has certainly directed needed attention to the whole water service of the Colony.

### DAY BY DAY.

SATAN IS TO BE PUNISHED ETERNALLY IN THE END, BUT FOR A WHILE HE TRIUMPHS.—  
D. R. Haydon.

The P. and O. liner Nagoya is to leave for the North at daylight to-morrow.

Two stamping machines and an umbrella have been reported to the police as having been stolen from the offices of the Newspaper Enterprise Company, Ltd.

A European is alleged by the police to have obtained drinks and liquors on board the Paul Bonu to the extent of \$35 in return for a worthless cheque.

The postponed Night Fete is to take place at the V. R. C. at 9 p.m. to-morrow. A jazz band under the conductorship of Mr. Dick Almada will be in attendance.

Yesterday's health return shows four more cases of typhoid fever, of which two were Chinese and one each British and German. There was also a Chinese case of cerebro-spinal fever.

The Harbour Master of Samshui notifies Hongkong that the motor ship Kong Ning is aground on the north bank of the West River, about 4½ miles from Shiu Hing city. She lies half a mile west of Spike Hill and is out of the track of shipping.

Police officers, under the direction of the Assistant Superintendent of Police, raided two shops in the market towns of Taiipo and Shumwan and arrested fifteen persons following the discovery of documents and apparatus relating to a secret society.

When two actions were mentioned in the Summary Court this morning, in both of which a Chinese named Wo Hing-lung was defendant, some amusement was caused when Mr. Bennett informed Mr. A. Dyer Ball that he was appearing for him in one case and against him in the other.

The *Daily Graphic* of June 28th includes in its pictures of those attending the Government Garden Party at Hampton Court Sir Robert and Miss Mary Ho Tung. The *Times*, reporting the same event, says Sir Robert Ho Tung "made a picturesque appearance in the rich garments of his race."

One of the men arrested after waylaying a Chinese married woman of Cheung Sha-wan, on the Tsun Wan Road at 4.45 p.m. on Wednesday was this morning remanded till Tuesday by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy, on a charge of robbing the woman of over \$14 in money, clothing, which she had in a basket, and other sundries.

Our Picture Page to-morrow will include groups taken at the wedding of Mr. R. E. O. Bird and Miss Clarke, and of Mr. T. W. Carr and Mrs. Thornton; as well as pictures of prize-winning dogs belonging to the Hongkong Prison Department. There will also be a photograph of little Miss Elsie Mary Hallows, the Hongkong winner in the Empire Baby Competition.

The *Times* of June 28th gives the following description of the dress worn by Lady Ho Tung at their Majesties' Fourth Court at Buckingham Palace:—"A Princess gown of pearl grey satin woven in arabesque design with silver thread, the draperies caught together with motifs of grey diamonds. A train of grey velours de Lyon, lined with cloth of silver and suspended from each shoulder by diamond knots. (Revillon, Limited.) Ornaments—diamonds and pearls."

Before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, a Chinese was charged, with another not in custody, with breaking and entering a godown at No. 532 Shanghai, with intent to steal. Defendant said that the other man broke into the premises first and he followed him. Sub Inspector McWalter informed the Court that defendant was actually arrested with a pair of pliers in his hand removing the framework from one of the windows. He had also a bamboo pole and ropes in readiness to carry away the rice. Sentences of three months' hard labour was imposed.

### OUR POST OFFICE.

#### EFFECT OF CLOSING OF CHINA AGENCIES.

The report on the Postal Department, Hongkong, for 1923 was laid on the table at the Legislative Council meeting yesterday. It is noted that "no appointment was made to the post of Assistant Postmaster General." There were, however, additions to the subordinate staff.

The new office of Inspector of Postmen was brought into existence from August 1st in place of the old Postal Inspectorship.

The number of mail receptacles of Hongkong origin despatched during the year was 39,459, a decrease of 2,266. Receptacles in transit which were handled numbered 133,498 as against 135,505 in 1922.

Those decreases were due to the closing of the British Postal Agencies in China at the end of 1922.

The number of registered articles handled amounted to an increase of 25,673. The figure for insured articles showed an increase of 409. Parcels, ordinary and insured, which were dealt with reached an increase of 74,035.

The figures in each of these three cases were the highest on record.

#### REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

The total revenue was \$714,340.03, an increase of \$37,477.92 over the previous year. The balance of revenue over expenditure amounted to \$91,639.77.

The increase of revenue from the sale of stamps in 1923 over 1922 amounted to \$82,083.71.

There was a decrease of money order transactions during the year of \$22,522, owing to the loss of business since the closing of the British Postal Agencies in China at the end of November, 1922.

There was a decrease in the British and local postal order business.

In the Chinese section, there was an increase in registered and insured packages. The ordinary Chinese letters handled during the year numbered nearly two and a half million.

#### RADIO TELEGRAPHS.

The telegraph staff of the Cape D'Aguilar and General Post Office stations were transferred to the control of the Public Works Department on 1st April last year, the Post Office continuing the delivery of messages received at the General Post Office station, and the collection of revenue derived from messages.

The revenue collected during the year from radio-telegrams amounted to \$46,113.24, an increase of \$14,060.25 on 1922. The balance of revenue over expenditure amounted to \$2,180.71.

The increase in radio telegram business has been chiefly due to the establishment of communication with Canton and Swatow. These two stations—the one managed by Dr. Sun's Administration and the other by a clique of his political opponents—are not registered at Berno under the Wireless Telegraph Convention or recognised by the Central Government of China. Hence no reciprocal working agreement could be made with either. Despite this, communication with each has been effectively carried on, each station collecting its own charges independently of the others.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

A new branch post office was opened in Shamshui on the 1st August.

Twelve extra pillar and wall boxes were erected in the Colony during the year, including three in the New Territory. A courier service was also instituted in the Territory.

The Postmaster General, Mr. R. E. Lindell, notes: "The 'extra-postal' correspondence mentioned in the 1922 report has been of much the same type. It included one request from a lady in Berlin to be supplied with one Chinese stamp (unused) of every denomination current, for which she enclosed payment in the shape of a 1000 mark note, and an appeal from another lady, in America, calling on me to annihilate 'broadcasting' in the Colony."

#### DAVIS CUP.

##### AUSTRALIA DEFEATS CHINA.

New York, July 31. In the Davis Cup tournament, Patterson (Australia) beat Look Wai (China), 6-1, 6-2, 6-2. O'Hara Wood beat Kong, 6-0, 6-1, 6-2. *—Routen's American Service.*

### SHAMEN STRIKE.

#### MORE SETTLEMENT TALK.

There is still talk of efforts to settle the Shamoon strike. A report from Canton states that on the suggestion of certain foreign merchants, other than British and French, the British Consul has shown an inclination not to persist on provision of certain passes and the inclusion of photographs on permits, whilst the question of the reinstatement of the police may be amicably settled.

The Commercial Guilds hope that the strike will be settled soon, but the strike leaders profess to know nothing of the reported new negotiations.

It is reported that at a meeting held in the Civil Governor's office on finance questions, it was resolved to prohibit the circulation of Hongkong banknotes, in the same way as Chinese currency is prohibited in Hongkong.

#### STRIKERS LIGHTING TO GET BACK.

A correspondent favours the *Daily Bulletin* with the following:—

Canton, July 31. Though on the surface, the strike situation appears to be stationary, actually negotiations are being carried on incessantly, and it is hoped that a settlement is in sight.

The so-called strikers, the Shamoon employees, have been entirely out of sympathy with the whole strike movement, but they do evince a certain amount of sympathy with the lukongs, who have lost their positions as a result of the irresponsible actions of a few busybodies, who make a living out of raising trouble in any way they can. With this feeling Shamoon residents and their authorities, the Consuls and Councils, to a certain extent agree, though they are unable to revise their decision not to take these men back. It is round this question that the recent negotiations have revolved, and it is hoped that a way out has at last been found. The Chinese mind appears to have some difficulty in grasping the essential difference between the position of official servants and private employees, and this mental attitude has caused delay in coming to an agreement.

The most noticeable feature of the whole affair has been the absence from any meeting or demonstration of the Shamoon employees, 90% of whom are itching to get back to their work. They are getting little food and no pay, and feel that they are being used as cats-paws. The *Canton Gazette* represents them as boiling over with indignation at the outrageous way in which the insolent white man treats them; but this is pure propaganda by those interested in continuing to collect money to line their own pockets, while pretending to uphold their downtrodden countrymen's rights, backed by a few politicians with private axes to grind.

The Shamoon residents are very cheerful and rather enjoying their picnic. Fortunately, owing to business depression and the floods up-country, very little financial loss is being occasioned by the strike, and what loss there is falls much more heavily on the Chinese dealer than on the foreign firms.

### HOME CRICKET.

#### CLOSE CONTEST AT BRIGHTON.

London, July 31. The match between Sussex and the South Africans was resumed at Brighton in cloudy weather, on a good wicket. The attendance was good.

Sussex scored 334 (Bowler 106, Young 53). Blanckenberg took 5 wickets for 102.

The South Africans went in for second knock, and had compiled 42 for the loss of one wicket when stumps were drawn.

[In their first innings South Africa scored 337.]

#### OTHER MATCHES.

At Lord's, Rugby beat Marlborough by three wickets. Marlborough scored 181, and 109. Rugby scored 155, and 137 for 7.

Notts at Nottingham beat Leicestershire by nine wickets. Leicestershire compiled 121, Richmond taking 4 for 25, and 194. Richmond taking 5 for 80. Notts scored 264 (George Gunn 95) and then 54 for 1.

Warwick beat Somerset at Taunton by four wickets. Somerset scored 90. Howell taking 3 for 30, and 97. Howells taking 9 for 35. Warwick compiled 137, White taking 6 for 49, and then 60 for 6. White taking 5 for 38. *—Routen.*



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## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

## INDIAN AEROPLANE DISASTER.

Shimla, July 31.  
According to latest information from the frontier, one air craftsman who fell into the hands of the Wazir has returned alone and safely to Razmak. The squadron leader with whom he was a passenger remains in the hands of the tribesmen. It is reported that he is unharmed, and well treated, but that there is no reason to doubt that the four others have been killed as has already been reported.—*Reuter*.

## DAVIS CUP CONTESTANTS.

New York, July 31.  
In consequence of orders from Washington the Japanese contestants for the Davis Cup, Fukuda and Harada, were detained on Ellis Island until yesterday afternoon, when they were allowed to enter America on parole. It is alleged that their passports were improperly vised in Paris.—*Reuter*.

## THE LONDON CONFERENCE.

Paris, July 31.  
All the papers state that the new French plan constitutes the maximum of concessions, and that France could not be responsible for the failure of the Conference.—*Havas*.

## BRAZILIAN REVOLT.

Santos, July 31.  
Large coffee shipments are arriving from the Interior. Telegraphic and telephonic communication has been restored between Santos and Sao Paulo.—*Reuter*.

## CHINA AND THE SOVIET.

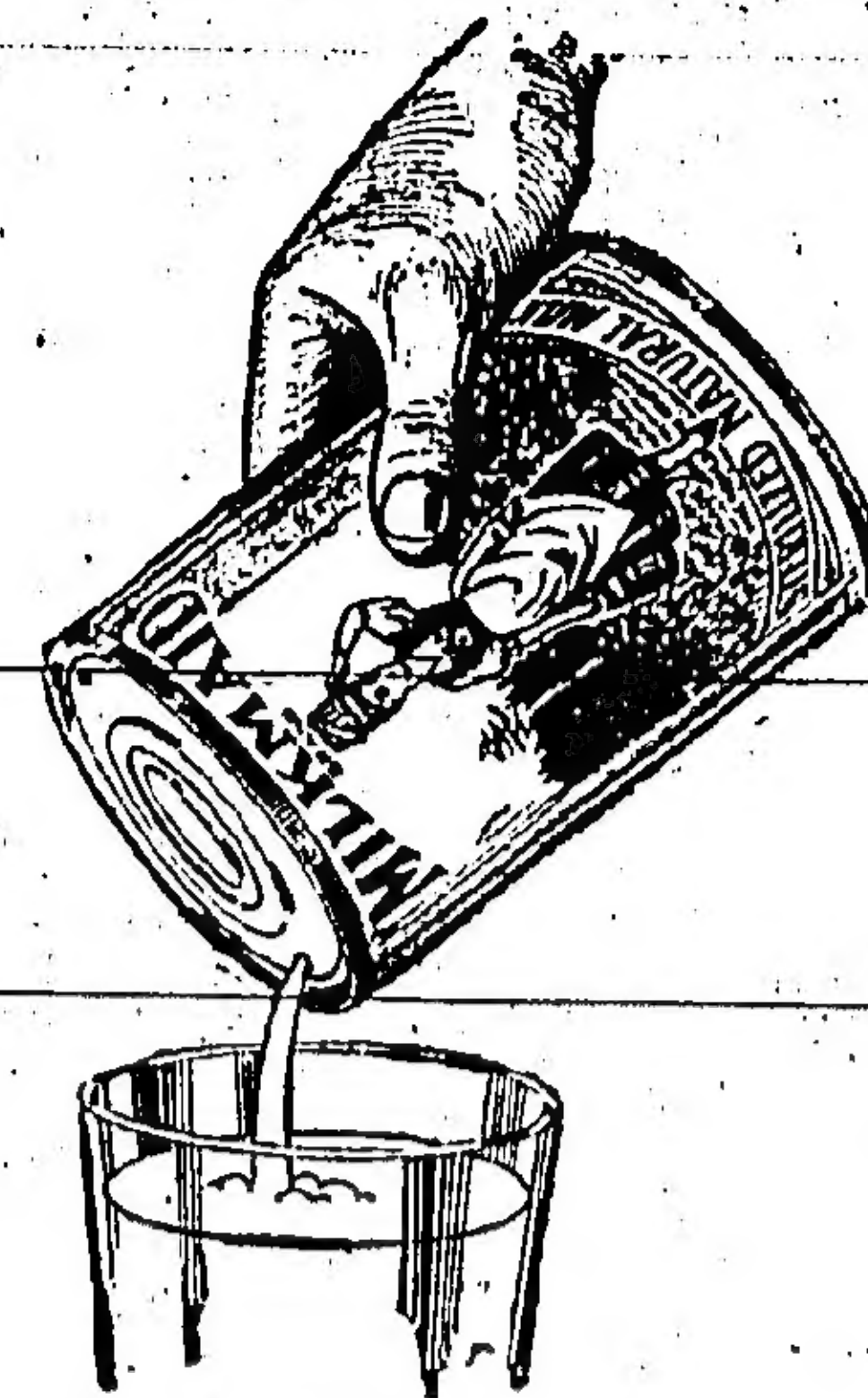
M. KARAKHAN PRESENTS HIS CREDENTIALS.  
Peking, July 31. M. Karakhan presented his credentials as Ambassador to the President this morning. All the members of the Cabinet attended the ceremony which slightly elaborate than in the case of a Minister and included the playing the Soviet and the Chinese national anthems.—*Reuter*.

## OLD BRONZES.

The remarkable collection (127 lots) of old Chinese gold-splashed bronzes and a few pieces of Persian metal work belonging to the late Mrs. R. Berens, was sold at Messrs. Sotheby's recently for a total of £1,794-15s. The Chinese pieces, many of which were exhibited on loan at South Kensington, came from the Temple of Heaven, in Peking, and until about twenty years ago were almost unknown in Europe.

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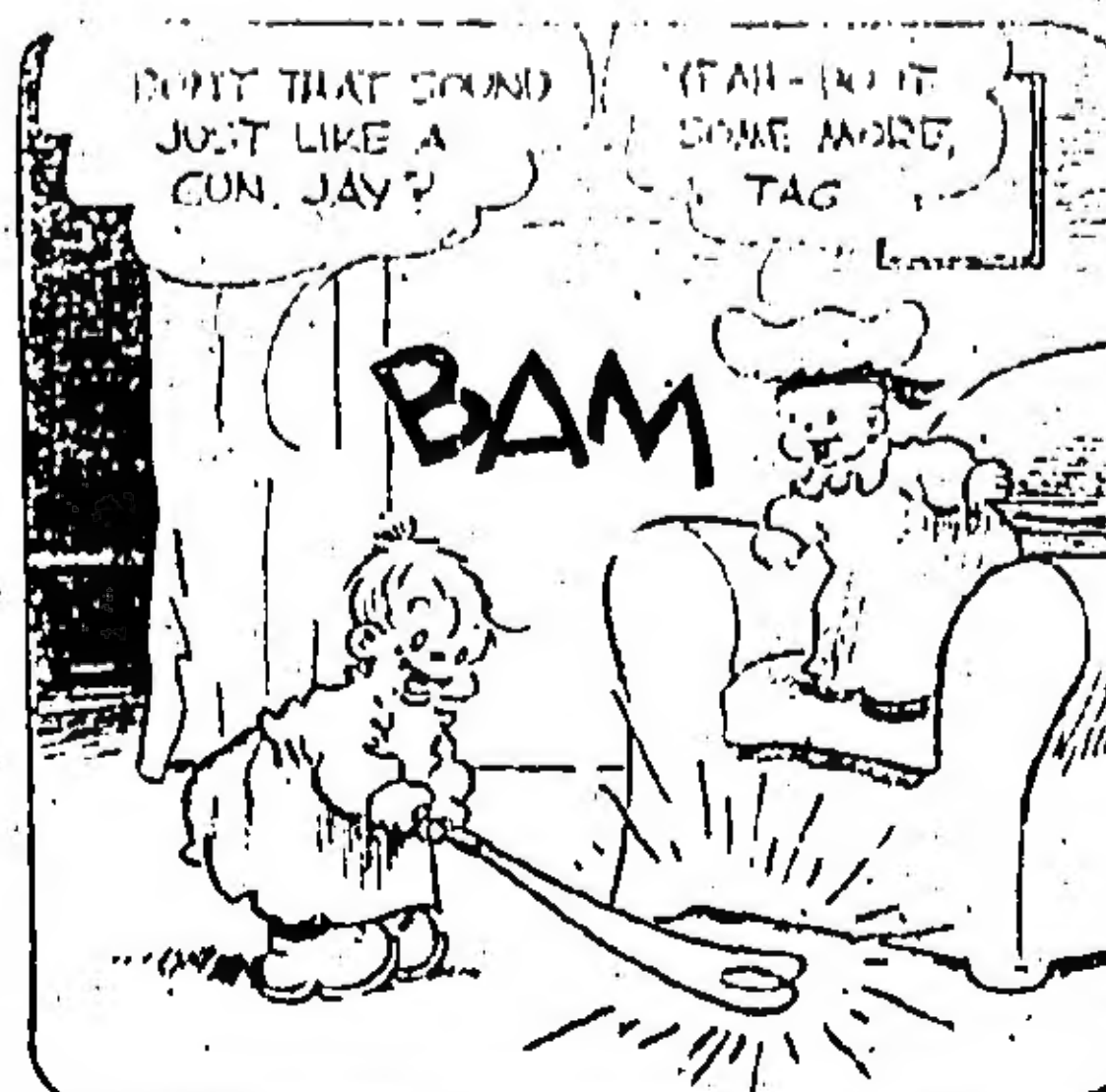
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## DIVIDEND NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an INTERIM DIVIDEND has been declared in respect of the Financial Year ending on the 31st December, 1924, and will be paid on FRIDAY, the 22nd August, 1924, as to Forty Cents (\$0.40) per Share on the Old Shares (Fully Paid), Thirty Cents (\$0.30) per Share on Bonus Shares (Fully Paid) Nos. 60,001 to 150,000 and One Cent (\$0.01) per Share on the New Shares (1924 Issue) upon which \$1.00 per Share was paid up on the 15th May, 1924.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to 22nd August, 1924 (both days inclusive).

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers, Hongkong, 1st August, 1924.

## BANK OF EAST ASIA LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an interim dividend of \$3.00 per share has been declared for the HALF YEAR ending 30th June, 1924.

The dividend will be payable on and after MONDAY, the 15th September, 1924, at the Offices of the Company, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 8th September, to SATURDAY, the 13th September, 1924, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors, LI TSE FONG, Acting Chief Manager, Hongkong, 1st August, 1924.

## NOTICE.

WE beg to notify the public that we have been appointed Agents for Hongkong and vicinity for AGRICULTURAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF WATERTOWN, N. Y.

and are prepared to underwrite fire risks at lowest current rates. SANDER, WILKINSON & CO., Hongkong, 30th July 1924.

## HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LTD.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND of seventy five cents per share has been declared and will be PAYABLE ON AND AFTER WEDNESDAY, THE 20th AUGUST, when Dividend Warrants may be obtained upon application at the offices of the Company.

The SHARE REGISTERS of the Company will be closed from WEDNESDAY, 6th AUGUST, to TUESDAY, 19th AUGUST, 1924, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, W. E. ROBERTS, Secretary, Hongkong, 21st July, 1924.

## THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND of Two Dollars per share for the six months ending 30th June, 1924, will be payable on THURSDAY, August 14th, on which date Dividend Warrants may be obtained on application at the Company's Office, 11 Queen's Road Central.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY the 1st to WEDNESDAY the 13th August (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors, L. S. GREENHILL, Secretary, Hongkong, 22nd July 1924.

## THE HONGKONG CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND of ONE DOLLAR per share for the six months ending 30th June 1924, will be PAYABLE on WEDNESDAY 6th August on which date Dividend Warrants may be obtained on application at the Company's Office.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Thursday 24th July to Wednesday 6th August (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors, JOHN ARNOLD, Secretary, Hongkong, 9th July 1924.

## CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN &amp; MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

## DIVIDEND NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Interim Dividend has been declared in respect of the financial year ending on the 31st December, 1924, and will be paid on Friday the 29th August 1924 as to Forty cents (\$0.40) per Share on the Old Shares (Fully paid), Thirty cents (\$0.30) per Share on Bonus Shares (Fully paid) Nos. 171,000 to 200,000, and Six Cents (\$0.06) per Share on the New Shares (1924 Issue) upon which \$2.50 per Share was paid up on the 15th March, 1924.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 8th to 29th August (both days inclusive).

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.

## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG PROBATE JURISDICTION.

IN THE GOODS of ARTHUR RYLANDS LOWE of Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong Chartered Accountant deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance 1897 (No. 2 of 1897) made an Order limiting the time for sending in claims to or against the above estate to the 31st day of August 1924.

Creditors and Claimants are hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned by the above date.

Dated this 28th day of July 1924. DEACONS, Solicitors for the Executor, 1 Des Vaux Road C.

Hongkong, 28th July 1924.

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## HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Settlement of Yokohama Pre-Earthquake Accounts Outstanding at 1st September 1923.

All parties having claims against this Corporation in connection with pre-earthquake accounts should forward full particulars and proofs to the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Kobe, to be received there not later than 30th September 1924, after which date no further claims will be admitted.

By order of the Court of Directors, A. H. BARLOW, Actg. Chief Manager.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

## TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

S.S. "TENYO MARU"

Voy. 78—West.

From SAN FRANCISCO via HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS AND SHANGHAI.

The above named Steamer having arrived on Wednesday, 30th July 1924, consignees of cargo are hereby notified to present their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery from steamer or the Company's Godown, where all cargo impeding immediate discharge will be landed at consignee's risk.

Storage will be assessed on cargo remaining undelivered after Wednesday, 6th August 1924.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages will be landed into the Company's Godown, where same will be examined on Wednesday, 6th August, 1924, at 11 a.m.

No claims will be recognised after goods have left the steamer or Godown, and none will be entertained if presented later than three weeks after arrival of steamer.

No fire insurance whatever will be effected.

Y. TSUTSUMI, Manager, Hongkong, 30th July, 1924.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE NORWEGIAN AFRICA AND AUSTRALIA LINE.

S.S. "YARRA"

The above vessel having arrived from Scandinavia via Ports on the 28th inst., consignees of cargo are hereby notified that all goods are being landed at their risk into the non-hazardous, hazardous and/or extra hazardous godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd. whence, and from the wharves, delivery may be obtained. Goods not cleared by the 3rd August 1924, will be subject to rent. All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the godowns, where they will be examined on the 2nd August 1924, at 10 a.m.

Claims against the ship must be presented within ten days of arrival, otherwise they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by THORESEN & Co., Ltd. Agents, Hongkong, 28th July 1924.

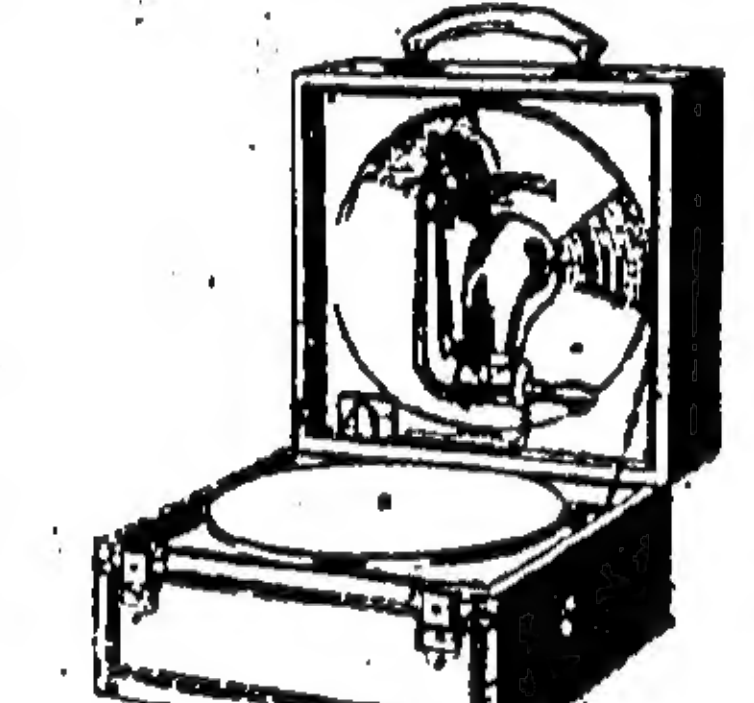
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## FORTHCOMING AUCTION SALES.

## Lammert Bros.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

Saturday, the 2nd Aug. 1924,

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G. R. NOTICE.

Particulars and Conditions of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 5th day of August, 1924, at 3 p.m. at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshui in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898 with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

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6.	1000 sq. ft.	Shamshui.	0.023	10	12,000
7.	1000 sq. ft.	Shamshui.	0.023	10	12,000
8.	1000 sq. ft.	Shamshui.	0.023	10	12,000
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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (For Account of the concerned), on WEDNESDAY, the 6th August, 1924, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Lee House Street,

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Hongkong, 30th July, 1924.

## THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEMBERS are hereby notified that the lists for next seasons' subscription griffins will close on the 31st July.

## NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

On and from July 28th, 1924 our offices will be located at Asiatic Building, 2nd floor.

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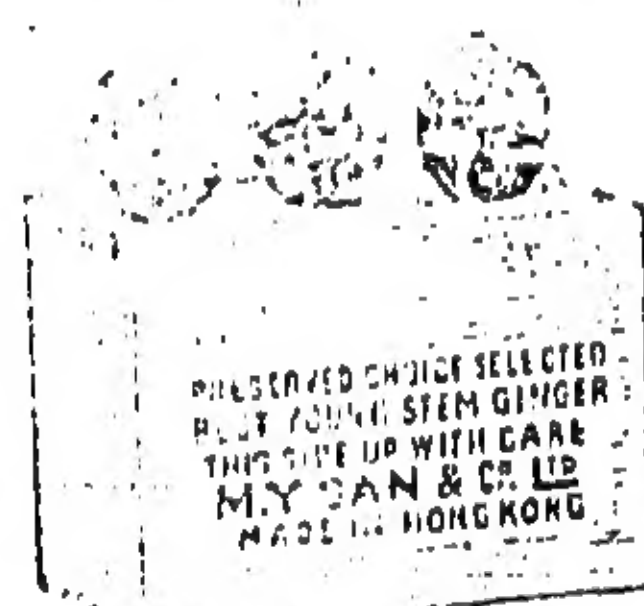
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**A GUILD'S FINANCES.****ALLEGED DEFALCATION.**Before Mr. J. E. Lindenall at the  
Magistrate's yesterday afternoon,  
Tam King-wan, an accountant of  
the Cigarette Manufacturers' Association,  
was charged with fraudulently  
converting to his own use a sum of  
\$1,500 belonging to the Association.Mr. Pryor appeared for the  
prosecution and Mr. C. A. S. Russ  
defended.The President of the Guild  
deposed that on the 10th November  
last a bill amounting to \$101.60  
was to have been paid to the  
Mo Cheung Hotel, but only \$70  
was paid by the defendant. On the  
10th January defendant failed to  
pay for the electric bills, and when  
asked as to what had been done with  
the sum of \$33.90 clearly set out in the  
cash book as having been drawn the  
previous day from the bank, he admitted  
that he had spent it. Thereupon  
witness asked him to refund the  
sum, so as to liquidate the accounts,  
but this defendant was unable to do.  
An honorary auditor was called in  
and on going through the books he  
discovered further defalcations, the  
total amount of which was set out in the  
charge. In the meantime the defendant  
had disappeared and Police assistance  
was later secured to get him arrested.Witness, in cross-examination  
by Mr. Russ, denied that the  
agitation by the members at about  
this time was directed against the  
officials of the guild. It was solely  
directed against the defendant. Mr. Russ  
suggested that in the ensuing dispute  
as regards the irregularity of the accounts  
defendant had been used as a scapegoat.  
To this also witness returned a  
negative answer.**The Seamen's Strike.**Witness said that he remembered  
the Seamen's Strike, but at the  
time he was in the country. Asked if he  
remembered his union advancing \$1,000 to  
the Seamen's Union, witness again replied in  
the negative. He did not remember  
Ho Tai taking money to Canton. Witness  
said that no money was drawn from the  
National Commercial and Savings Bank  
under his authority on the 27th March,  
1922.Mr. Russ: I suggest that it  
was drawn on your authority and  
that Ho Tai was to go to Canton.

Witness: No.

Witness could not say if the  
Association had any money in the  
National Commercial and Savings  
Bank or not, as they had money in  
several banks. Mr. Russ asked  
him why they deposited their  
money in so many banks, and Mr.  
Lindenall smilingly said to Mr.  
Russ: "You never put all your  
eggs in one basket."Mr. Russ suggested to witness  
that he drew \$1,000 between the  
28th January and the 27th March  
1922.Witness: This \$1,000 was hand-  
ed over to defendant to pay off the  
accounts.In answer to a further question  
witness said that witness must  
certainly have entered the item in  
the books.**Money in Canton.**The money was drawn, said  
witness, because a number of the  
Association's members had died  
and the money was wanted to  
compensate the deceased's relatives.  
He said that the thousand  
dollars were never intended to  
be advanced to the Seamen's  
Union. Witness denied that it  
was the practice of the guild  
to lend money to its members,  
or that he instructed defendant  
to lend money. Mr. Russ put it to witness  
that because he had given instructions  
to defendant to lend out money, he  
did not have the amount of money  
in hand according to the books.  
Witness again returned a negative  
answer.Ho Tai, the treasurer, stated  
that on the 10th January he  
had \$100 cash in hand and a fur-  
ther \$9,850 deposited in banks.  
Two books produced by the pro-  
secution contained entries of moneys  
which were passed from witness to  
defendant and vice versa.On the 21st February, 1922,  
\$1,000 was withdrawn from  
the Industrial and Commercial  
Bank and was sent to Canton  
with several thousands of  
dollars withdrawn from other  
banks, to be changed into Chinese  
money and deposited in banks  
there. In answer to the Magistrate  
witness said that it was because  
the Association proposed to buy  
houses in Canton that the money  
was sent to Canton.The case was then adjourned till  
Monday, the 11th.**EARLIER TELEGRAMS.****NAVAL ARMAMENTS.**

Washington, July 31.

The British representations, against the modernisation programme of the American Navy might bring to a head a controversy, which has been stirring naval circles since the Disarmament Conference. Officials in touch with the question are of opinion that neither the French nor Japanese Governments share the British view, though Italy might. Hence if the matter ever came up for decision by the signatory Powers, Britain would probably be outvoted.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Washington, July 31.

Secretary Wilbur referring to Mr. Arthur Ponsoby's statement, yesterday said "It is a good idea to have the question raised in order to have it settled." As far as is known the government have taken no steps to reply to the British representations on the subject of the modernization of the old battleships including the elevation of turret guns. Anyhow it is evident that no haste is necessary as the navy at the present time lacks both authority and appropriations for the increase of elevation and the proposal cannot therefore be resubmitted to Congress until the regular session in December.—*Reuter's American Service.***THE SAGHALIEN OIL FIELDS.**

London, July 31.

The Paris correspondent of the *Morning Post* says that in well informed circles it is believed that a secret Russo-Japanese treaty has been entered into and is on the point of being signed, if it is not already signed. It is asserted that Japan will furnish heavy artillery and hand over to Russia her surplus warships while Russia will cede all oil rights in Northern Saghalien to Japan.It is further asserted that it was chiefly owing to Japanese influence that the Russo-Japanese agreements were recently signed.—*Reuter.*

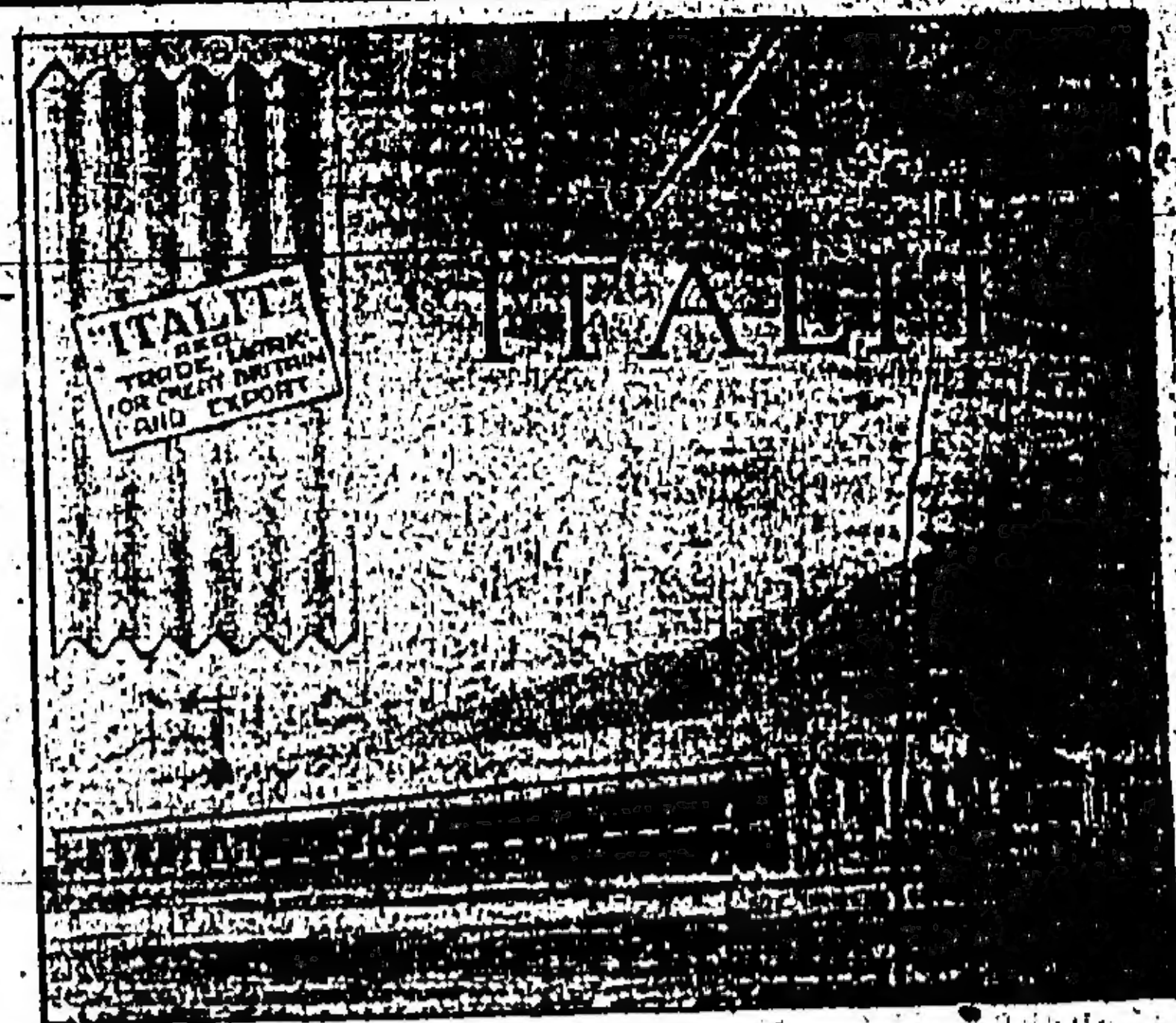
Moscow, July 31.

The *Izvestia* says that the Union of Soviets is ready to grant concessions for the exploitation of the Saghalien Naptha wells by mixed companies with Soviet, Japanese and American capital as the best way out of the difficulty. It resents Japan's viewpoint that compensation should be paid for evacuation and declares that Japan's rights were only acquired through military occupation. The article does not mention outstanding British claims in the island.—*Reuter.***THE PERSIAN OUTRAGE.**

Teheran, July 31.

The newspaper *Iran* publishes a letter from the Foreign Minister to the American Minister expressing the Government and nation's horror and sorrow at the murder of Mr. Imbrie. It intimates the Government's complete willingness to carry out the demands of the American Note cabled on July 28. The letter only regrets that Persia has no fleet, otherwise it would have placed a warship at American disposal for the conveyance of Mr. Imbrie's remains. The question of proper compensation for the widow is now being considered.—*Reuter.***IRISH BOUNDARY PROBLEM.**

London, July 31.

On the eve of its recess the government is suddenly confronted with a political problem of the first magnitude arising out of the reported decision of the Privy Council that the Boundary Commission cannot be legally constituted without a representative for Ulster being appointed by the Government of North Ireland. It is believed in parliamentary circles that new legislation must be introduced to deal with the question, for the solution of which President Cosgrave of the Irish Free State is pressing, as it is impossible to pass such a bill before the recess, unless unanimity is previously secured. The Cabinet has decided to call a round table conference of the party leaders and British signatories of the Irish Free State treaty.—*Reuter.*Illustration of  
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## FINANCIAL VOTES.

## YESTERDAY'S DISCUSSION.

At the Finance Committee, following the Council meeting, presided over by the Colonial Secretary, the following votes were explained and approved.

\$9,700 in aid of the following

votes:

Medical Department. Other

Charges:

Lunatic Asylum: \$ 800.00

Fuel and Light: 2,500.00

Provisions for Patients: 100.00

Washing: 100.00

Victoria Hospital: 2,000.00

Fuel and Light: 3,000.00

Provisions for Patients: 300.00

Washing: 1,000.00

Peak Hospital: 1,000.00

Bedding, etc. 1,000.00

Total: \$ 9,700.00

The Chairman: The amounts asked for under Lunatic Asylum and Victoria Hospital are due to the increased number of patients.

As regards the Peak Hospital, the bedding, etc., was supplied out of the Medical Department's store when the Hospital was taken over by the Committee appointed by the Government, and \$1,000 was required to provide the articles to make good the deficiency.

\$5,000 in aid of the vote Miscellaneous Services, grant in aid of the new Golf Course at Kowloon.

The Chairman: This vote has already been approved by the Finance Committee.

\$27,000 on account of Police Department, special expenditure, purchase of a new police launch.

The Chairman: This vote has already been approved by the Finance Committee.

## The Observatory.

\$5,343 on account of Royal Observatory, Special Expenditure, Lithographic Machine.

The Chairman: This machine is now doing work for any Department that applies. It was thought that the purchase would have been approved last year, but the account was only received this year. The daily weather report and the daily bulletin is produced on this machine.

\$400 on account of Education Department, Special Expenditure, Equipment of Schools.

The Chairman: This sum of \$400 is required, owing to the Crown Agent's account for \$603.39 not having been received until May. The amount provided in the estimates is exceeded by \$800 and the account for freight and insurance may amount to \$66. I would like to ask hon. members to agree to this vote being increased to \$460 to be on the safe side, so that we shall not have to come to the Council again.—The Committee agreed.

\$15,000 on account of Kowloon-Canton Railway, special expenditure, reconstruction of the roof of the Motor Repair Shed.

The Chairman: This vote has already been agreed to by the Finance Committee.

## Popular Volunteer Unit.

\$4,000 in aid of the following votes:—Military Expenditure: \$1,000 on account of the Mounted Infantry Defence Corps, other charges: Grant to Mounted Infantry Section \$2,700; equipment and upkeep of arms \$1,300.

The Chairman: Provision was made in the 1924 estimates for 20 members of the Mounted Infantry Company in the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps. The number has been increased to 35 at the request of the General Officer Commanding. It has been necessary to make an additional grant for forage of \$2,700 and to order 15 new sets of saddlery, costing \$1,300. I may say that this Company is a very popular unit.

\$80,000 on account of Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, erection of quarters for scavenging coolies, Wanchoi.

The Chairman: This has already been approved by the Finance Committee. The quarters for scavenging coolies have already been erected in Belcher Street in the Western district and Hospital Road for the Central district, and these quarters will complete the scheme for Victoria.

## Happy Valley.

\$2,500 on account of Public Works Extraordinary, Hongkong, reconditioning of Recreation Grounds at Happy Valley.

The Chairman: This has already been approved by the Finance Committee. The recreation ground suffered much damage by the floods last autumn, and this sum of \$2,500 is required. The clubs concerned have paid for special work required by them.

\$7,030 on account of Kowloon-Canton Railway, Special Expenditure: Additional Machines for Workshops.

The Chairman: It was reported to the Government that in the railway workshop there were several 6 1/2" lathes, which were always fully employed and a 14" lathe to do work too large for the 6 1/2". This has naturally held work up, and the locomotive superintendent has recommended that it would be desirable to have two 7 1/2" lathes which would be fully employed and would ease the congestion on both the 14" and the 6 1/2" lathes. These recommendations were made in April last year, but the machines were not delivered until too late to be paid for next year. The Crown Agents' accounts have all now been received and the amount required is that set out in the financial minute.

Hon. Mr. Holyoak: The bill arrived too late to be paid last year?

The Chairman: Yes, I presume the machines are now in operation and the sum is required to pay for them.

## Kowloon-Canton Railway.

\$10,020 in aid of the vote Kowloon-Canton Railway, Special Expenditure, New Carpenter's Shop, Hung Hom.

The Chairman: A sum of \$15,000 was included in the estimate for 1922 for this work, and this sum was revoted in 1923 and again this year. The work has actually cost, owing to the rise in price, \$25,011.31. The balance is now asked for.

Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak enquired what was the present situation in regard to the railway.

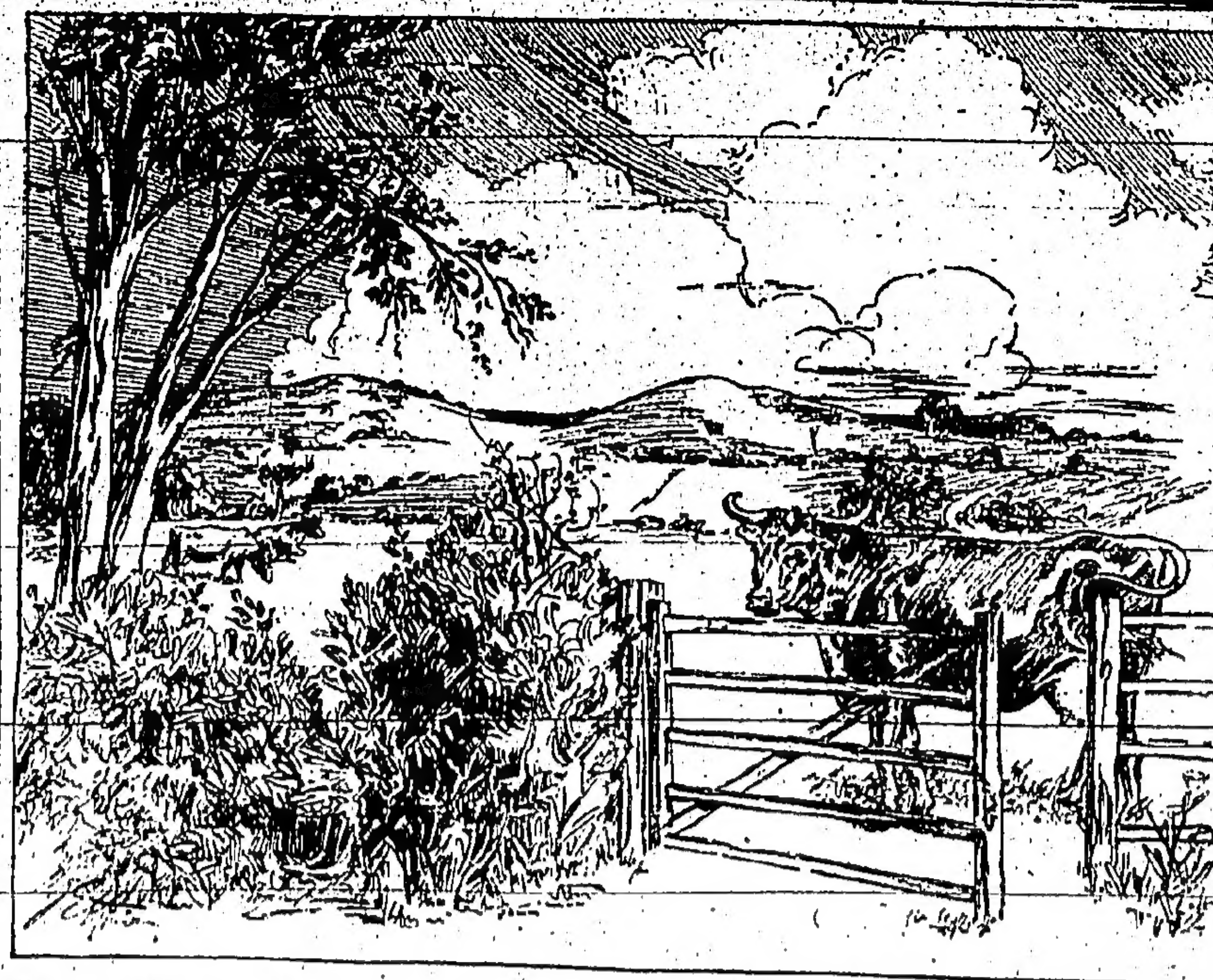
The Chairman: We can only run a local service as far as Lower.

Hon. Mr. Holyoak: As far as finances go, are any economies being made?

The Chairman: We are economising in so far that we have not to burn so much coal on through trains and we are keeping an account of the losses under the railway agreement. Whether we shall ever be able to recover those losses, due to the closing of the Chinese Section, I cannot say, but the account is being kept. Do you mean economising in staff?

Hon. Mr. Holyoak: I mean in the general expenditure of the railway in view of the fact that we cannot run all the trains.

The Chairman: These extensions are for the locomotive workshops. They have been constructed during the last two years and were all approved and undertaken before the Chinese Section was stopped. We trust that the stoppage of through traffic to Canton is merely temporary, and we feel we have to be thoroughly prepared to undertake full through traffic as soon as the line is open. Repairs to the line at Shuklung and Canton have been made, recently and so far as I know trains could be run over the line now, but the condition of the stock on the Chinese Section does not admit of their running through trains at present. We wish to be in a position to help them by having through trains ready to run and repairing sheds in



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## Public Works.

\$272,000 in aid of the following votes:

Public Works, Recurrent

Hongkong, Buildings, 1,

Maintenance of Buildings, 2,

Hongkong, Buildings, 2,

Improvements to Buildings, 3,

Miscellaneous, 18, Typhoon and Hainstorm

Draughts, 27,

Kowloon, Buildings, 27,

Improvements to Buildings, 10,000.00

New Territories, Buildings, 42, Improve-

ments to Buildings, 5,000.00

Public Works, Extraordinary:

Miscellaneous, 49, Miscellaneous Works, 30,000.00

Total: \$272,000.00

The Chairman: I would ask that this financial minute may stand over, as further sums are required.

This was agreed to.

\$20,000 on account of Public Works, Extraordinary, Whitfield Sanitary Depot Pier.

The Chairman: This sum of \$20,000 is a re-vote. The sum was included in the supplementary P. W. vote in 1923 and was not expended.

\$11,000 on account of Public Works, Extraordinary, Kowloon buildings, married quarters for Wai-hai-wei Police at Mongkok Police Station.

The Chairman: This has already been approved by the Finance Committee.

Government House Furniture.

\$10,000 in aid of the vote, Governor, Other Charges, Furniture.

The Chairman: I think hon. members are aware of the fact that a very large sum is required to put the furniture in Government House in proper order. I think hon.

members have been in personal correspondence with the staff and His Excellency the Governor on the matter. During the war very little was done and now it is proposed to get rid of a large amount of furniture which is quite worn out.

Hon. Mr. Holyoak: This was advocated by the Unofficial members two years ago. It was felt that the furniture should be brought up to date.

Hon. Mr. Bird: Will the amount we are voting bring it up to date?

The Chairman: I understand it has been gone into by the Public Works Department, and this sum is considered sufficient to do it.

Hon. Mr. Bird: To do it thoroughly?

Hon. Mr. Holyoak: I do not think this is meant to be a final vote, Sir.

The Chairman: At any rate hon. members agree that it is desirable the amount should be voted.

Hon. Mr. Holyoak: We thoroughly approve.

\$1,770 in aid of the vote Harbour Master's Department, Incidental Expenses.

The Chairman: This sum is required to pay for certain travelling—motor car—allowances to senior officers of the Harbour Department. It was approved recently. In the case of the Harbour Master, the assistant Harbour Master and the deputy Shipping Master it is \$60 a month each. Then there were new allowances for junk inspectors at Shaikwan and a shroff at Shaikwan. They are collecting a very large sum of money from those who have never paid hitherto. The allowance of the Government Marine Surveyor has been raised from \$120 to \$300, and \$90 is required for the half year. All the other Government Marine Surveyors, of whom there are five, have been given allowances according to their work. They get about very much more quickly by this means. The total sum required for the half year is \$1,770.

## VALUE OF THE COLONY.

## FIVE PER CENT INCREASE.

The report on the assessment of the Colony for this year was presented to the Legislative Council yesterday. It shows that the rateable value of the Colony is \$22,147,061, as against \$21,050,700 last year, an increase of \$1,096,361, or 5.19%.

This increase has not been constant all over the Colony. New Territories land has appreciated the most notably. Its total value last year was \$8,340,644, and this year is \$8,607,982, an increase of \$267,338, or no less than 3.2%.

In the City of Victoria the valuation has gone up 2.37%, and in the Hongkong villages no less than 10.39%.

The number of tenements reported vacant averaged about 101 monthly, as compared with 76 last year; but there is no information as to how many days the tenements were vacant.

It is interesting to note that in the ten years 1915-16 to 1924-25, the rateable value of the Colony increased by \$7,800,000, or 55.02%, from \$14,287,285 to \$22,147,061.

## JAPAN'S NEW TARIFF.

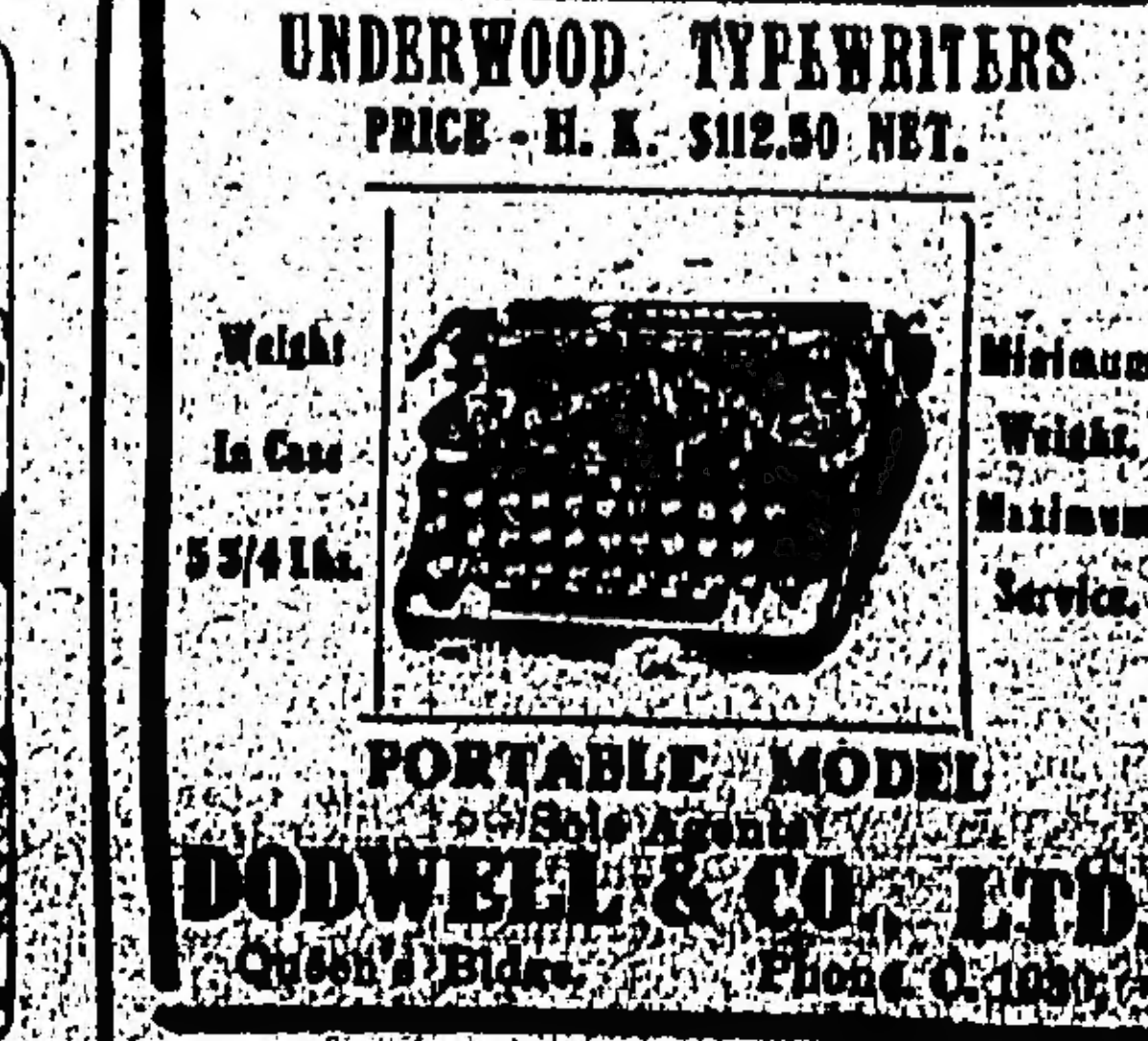
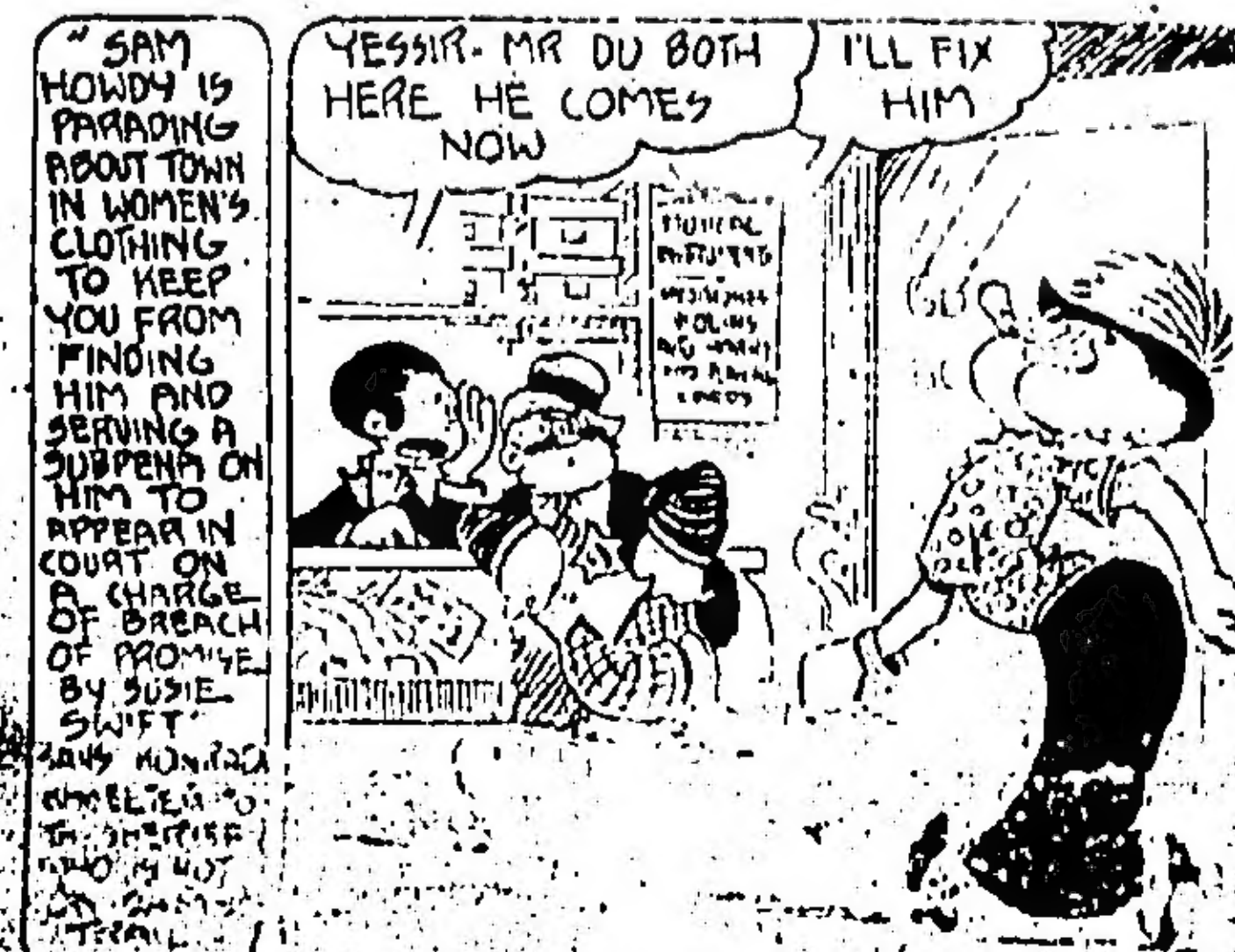
EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

Tokyo, July 31.—The Luxuries Tariff was promulgated this morning and becomes effective immediately. —Reuter.

\$2,600 in aid of the vote Charitable Services, grants in aid of charitable institutions, John Kerr Hospital, Canton.

The Chairman: This has already been agreed to by the Finance Committee. I may say the name of the Hospital is the John G. Kerr Hospital, and not John Kerr, and the sum is payment for their taking in more lunatics than was expected.

## SALESMAN SAM

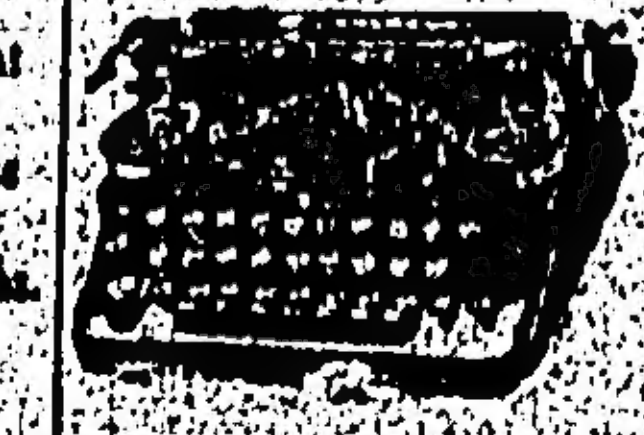


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## IRISH QUESTION THREATENS CRISIS.

### PREMIER'S STATEMENT CAUSES UNEASINESS.

#### TALK OF A GENERAL ELECTION.

London, July 31. In the House of Commons, asked whether the Government had conferred this morning with the British signatories to the Irish Treaty on the subject of the boundary clause, and whether any decision had been taken, Mr. MacDonald replied that a difficulty having arisen in connection with the interpretation of clause number twelve, he thought it advisable to seek counsel from the leaders of the parties who were signatories to the treaty. No decisions had been taken.

Asked whether the question would be adjourned until the autumn session and if so, whether he was aware of the feeling throughout Ireland that the Government was not serious in pressing forward this case of the Irish Treaty, Mr. MacDonald replied there was still a week before the House rose, and promised to make a statement to-morrow.

Reuter understands that the Government intends to adjourn next week-end until October, therefore it is impossible to pass any special Irish Bill to meet the difficulty, as is being suggested in some quarters. — Reuter.

A grave view is taken in political circles of Mr. MacDonald's announcement that no decision has been reached at to-day's conference on the Irish boundary question. There is talk of the possibility of a General Election in the event of the Conservatives in the House of Commons opposing, and the House of Lords rejecting, any Government Bill to implement the Treaty, following the decision of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council that fresh legislation will be necessary to constitute the Boundary Commission. — Reuter.

### CONFERENCE OBSTACLE OVERCOME.

#### FRENCH PROPOSALS IN PROCESS OF ADOPTION.

London, July 31. Reuter learns that the first committee of the Inter-Allied Conference has unanimously adopted the French formula of July 29. A British amendment has been withdrawn. The British and French delegates congratulated each other. One delegate said to Reuter: "The great difficulty of the Conference is now over."

If the report of the number three committee, on deliveries in kind and cash transfers prove favourable, the Conference may be regarded as finished so far as the Allies are concerned, and the invitation to the Germans may be regarded as imminent. The views of the bankers is of course still awaited. — Reuter.

It appears that only the first part of the French formula as regards arbitration has been adopted. The second part, dealing with the plan for military evacuation of the Ruhr proportionately as Germany pays her debts, has not yet been considered. — Reuter.

### "PROSPECTS APPEAR HOPEFUL."

London, July 31. An official communiqué states that the Reparations Commission will henceforth officially sit in London to deal with questions arising from the Dawes report.

Another communiqué, announcing an agreement by the first committee, declares the effectiveness of the agreement depends on the successful conclusion of the work of the third committee, which is considering other parts of the French proposal, and adds that the prospect of the third committee reaching an agreement appear hopeful.

It should be noted that the third committee is not dealing with evacuation of the Ruhr, mentioned earlier, which is outside the scope of the present Conference and will be discussed jointly with the Germans. — Reuter.

## MACLAREN AGAIN MISSING.

### NO NEWS FOR A WEEK.

New York, July 31. Repeated efforts to obtain, by wireless, information regarding Squadron Leader MacLaren have failed, since the airman reached Petropavlovsk on July 24.

It is believed he has been delayed by wind and fog, and may have been unable to land at his stop post at Nazan, and have been forced to continue the flight to Atka Island. — Reuter's American Service.

## FANLING RAILWAY.

### TO BE REPLACED BY MOTOR ROAD.

The annual report of the Kowloon-Canton Railway states that after careful consideration the Government has decided that a motor road should be built in place of the Fanling branch line, and when this is completed the branch line is to be taken up and the track and rolling stock, including two new locomotives on order, are to be made over to the P.W.D. for use in connection with development schemes under its control.

The branch line will be run as economically as possible until the end of 1924, when it is to be closed.

## OBITUARY.

### CAPTAIN N. F. HJORTH.

It is with much regret that we have to record the death of Captain Nils F. Hjorth, which took place at Bangkok on July 30th from heart failure, following pneumonia.

The deceased, who was a native of Norway, had only been ill a fortnight, was extremely well-known on the China Coast. He came out East in 1905 as a Chief Officer, and later had command of the s.s. Childar and the s.s. Drufar. He was of an extremely generous disposition and a very kindly nature, being a great favourite with all who knew him. By his death one of the best types of seafaring men is lost, and his demise will be widely mourned.

## PORT OF HONGKONG.

### YEAR'S SHIPPING FIGURES.

#### Another Increase Recorded.

Hongkong still more than holds its own as a shipping port, as is proved by the annual report of the Harbour Master for 1923, which shows that the total shipping entering and clearing at ports in the Colony during the year 1923, amounted to 778,222 vessels of 53,402,239 tons, which, compared with the figures of 1922, show an increase of 69,978 vessels, and of 6,835,475 tons.

Of the above 49,900 vessels of 35,011,533 tons were engaged in foreign trade as compared with 50,427 vessels of 29,543,564 tons in 1922.

#### OCEAN SHIPS.

There is an increase in British ocean-going shipping of 842 ships or 18.5 per cent and an increase of 1,533,250 tons or 15.4 per cent. This increase in ships and tonnage is due to new steamers built in Europe being put on the Eastern trade, new steamers locally built being put on the coasting trades, the Norwegian s.s. Helios put under British Registry and re-named the Wong Shok Kung.

Foreign ocean-going vessels have increased by 1,153 ships, and by 2,389,645 tons or 18.9 per cent in numbers and 19.4 per cent in tonnage. This increase in ships and tonnage is due to new German steamers being put on the Eastern trade, new Spanish Mail steamers being put on the Eastern trade, the Chinese s.s. Ling Nam being put on the South American trade, new Nippon Yusen Kaisha steamers being put on the route to Europe and a number of new vessels put on the coasting trade principally Dutch and Norwegian, the British s.s. Wong Shok Kung being put under the Chilean flag and the s.s. Haimun being put under Panama flag, the s.s. Dushiestan being put under the Portuguese flag and re-named the s.s. Colan.

#### RIVER STEAMERS.

British River steamers have increased by 1,142 ships with an increase in tonnage of 1,967,123 tons or 23.1 per cent in numbers and 52.7 per cent in tonnage. This increase in ships and tonnage is due to new river steamers Lung Shan being put on the Canton run, the Kwong Fook Cheung being put on the West River run and the Chinese river steamer Wah Kiu re-named the Fook Sing and put under British Registry.

Foreign river steamers show a decrease of 353 ships with a decrease in tonnage of 74,985 tons or 9.3 per cent in numbers and 10.2 per cent in tonnage. This decrease in ships and tonnage is due to a number of vessels being unable to run owing to the unsettled state on the West River and the Chinese steamer Wah Kiu being put under British Registry and re-named Fook Sing.

#### AVERAGE TONNAGE.

The average tonnage of individual ocean vessels entering the port has decreased, from 2,088.6 to 2,053.2 tons. That of British ships has decreased from 2,131 to 2,070.9 tons, while that of foreign ships has increased from 1,957.7 to 2,040.3 tons.

#### REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

The gross revenue collected by the Harbour Department during the year was \$225,643.02, as against \$267,576.04 collected in 1922, showing an increase of 7.35 per cent.

The expenditure of the Department was \$200,484.95, against \$280,625.57. This increase is principally due to revised salaries, new posts and stipulated increments.

#### HARBOUR MOORINGS.

The expenditure on the moorings and buoys was \$24,926.06, whilst the gross revenue therefrom for the year was \$39,587.06, or \$6,217.96 lower than the previous year. This decrease is due to the fact that the revenue from moorings in 1922 was abnormally high, on account of the Chinese seamen strike, which lasted about two months, during which period all the Government Harbour moorings were fully occupied, also to the number of typhoons, which visited the Colony when vessels which were occupying Government moorings had to return to their berths and typhoon signals were lowered.

## DEATH OF MR. FRANK SMYTH.

### WELL-KNOWN HONGKONG MAN PASSES AWAY.

A very wide circle of friends in Hongkong will regret to learn that telegraphic news has been received in the Colony to-day intimating that Mr. Frank Smyth, formerly the well-known broker of the firm of Messrs. Vernon and Smyth, died at Home yesterday. Shortly after Mr. Smyth left Hongkong a few months ago, after a visit, it was known that he was in indifferent health and about three weeks ago news came through that he was seriously ill, following an operation. There is no news available regarding the nature of his last illness, but there will be widespread regret at its fatal termination.

The late Mr. Smyth, than whom there were few more popular men in the Colony, first came East from Manchester in 1890, joining the firm of Messrs. W. S. Hewitt and Co., in Shanghai. About a year later he was transferred to Hongkong, and in 1893 he left that firm and joined Messrs. Bradley and Company, with whom he stayed until 1901, when he started in business as a share broker, joining the firm of Messrs. Vernon and Smyth. He retired in April, 1922, but had twice since made holiday trips to the Colony, to which he was much attached. For some years before his retirement he was Chairman of the Hongkong Stock Exchange.

It was in the realm of yachting that Mr. Smyth was, perhaps, best known. Yachting was his chief private interest, and the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club was for very many years indebted to his interest and assistance. He was one of the oldest surviving members and was Commodore in 1913, 1915 and again in 1919, 1920 and 1921. His cruiser "Queen Bee" was always a prominent contestant in her class, and it can be truly said that there was no more popular yachtsman in the Colony. It was through his generosity that the re-dressing and equipment of the gymnasium was possible, whilst the Club is also indebted to him for the making of the bowling green and the provision of bowls. When he went Home in 1922 he and his wife were made the recipients of handsome presents from the members. Years ago, the late Mr. Smyth was also a keen rifle shot, and in the days of the old Hongkong Rifle Association was one of the best shots in the Colony and a frequent figure in interport events. He was also a prominent Freemason.

Much sympathy will be extended to Mrs. Smyth, who is a daughter of Mr. J. I. Plummer, (formerly Chief Assistant at the Royal Observatory and who is now Home on retirement), and a sister of Mr. J. A. Plummer, the present head of Messrs. Bradley and Company. Three sons are left to mourn their loss, one being Mr. Ronald Smyth, of Messrs. Vernon and Smyth, who was married here three weeks ago. Another son is with Messrs. Butterfield and Swire at their Hankow office, whilst the third son is at Home.

As a mark of respect, the Hongkong Stock Exchange closed to-day at noon, whilst the flag at the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club has been flown at half-mast.

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## OUR RAILWAY.

### AN UNFORTUNATE YEAR.

#### Much Damage by Chinese Troops.

Last year was a most unfortunate one for the Kowloon-Canton Railway, according to the annual report just issued. This state that political unrest in Kwangtung Province continued throughout the year. Naturally the Chinese section was by far the greater sufferer of the two, but as the working of both sections is so interdependent, the misfortune of either reflect on the other, with the result that the receipts from through traffic compare most unfavourably with the those of previous years instead of showing a steady improvement.

#### SCARCELY AN ENGINE RUNNING.

Trouble commenced on the Chinese section with the departure from Canton of General Chen Kwing-ming on the 15th January. His troops in a panic made a rush for Shek Lung. About 3,000 were got away by rail, when all arrangements were upset by retreating troops stopping trains and forcing the drivers to take them where they wished. Chinese Section engines were left standing wherever they happened to be when coal and water gave out.

From this time onwards there was sporadic and intermittent running of trains until 27th October when all through traffic ceased. There was no express service from the 15th April to the end of the year. Conditions gradually went from bad to worse. Chinese section locomotives were run, or kept in steam, night and day by the soldiers without proper attention or repairs, derailments and collisions were frequent until there was scarcely an engine in running order on the Chinese section. Much damage was done to stations, doors and windows being torn out, electrical instruments stolen or smashed, and tickets and documents wantonly destroyed. Of 1,460 tabled express trains only 264 ran and of 730 slow through trains, only 409 ran.

#### BRITISH SECTION HAMPERED.

There were occasions when it became necessary for the British section to withdraw from Shum Chun Station and make Lo Wu Siding the terminus, where the Hongkong Government stationed police or military patrols to prevent Chinese soldiers from crossing the border. It was also once necessary to withdraw from the She Tau Kok terminus for the same reason.

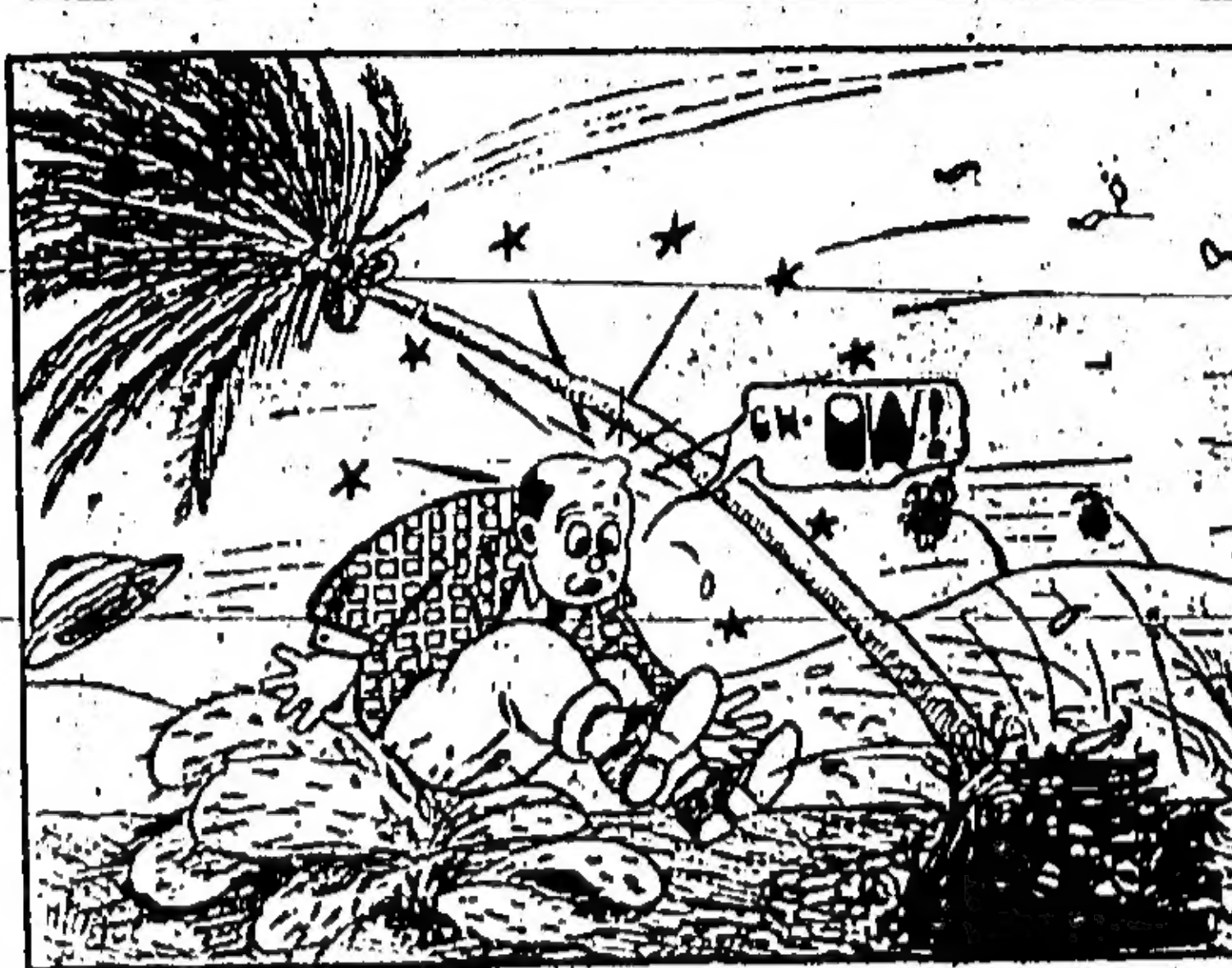
During the year the British section suffered considerable inconvenience by the retention of its goods stock by the Chinese section. Owing to the commandeering of the Chinese section rolling stock by the military for the transport of troops and the general interference with the working of the Chinese section, the British section wagon stock was held up at that section with the result that goods destined for Canton accumulated in the railway goods shed at Kowloon to such extent that many remunerative cargoes amounted to thousands of tons had to be turned away, and several consignments already loaded were eventually withdrawn.

#### CLAIM AGAINST CHINESE AUTHORITIES.

Through and joint sectional traffic receipts amounted to \$153,447.25, or \$347,367.65 less than the previous year. The fall in receipts, says the report, is entirely due to the conditions prevailing throughout the year on the Chinese section, and a claim for compensation on account of the suspension of the through and joint sectional traffic will in due course be presented.

The local traffic earnings show an increase of \$108,394.24, compared with the previous year. The gross receipts for the year were \$474,731.78, or a decrease of \$355,574.47. The working expenses were \$474,731.78, or a decrease of \$355,574.47.

## MAN JONGG POINTS.



EAST WIND ROUND. — Mr. Smith takes one bamboo and scores many points.

## "IRON" BUX.

### BEATEN IN SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, August 1. "Iron" Bux was outpointed by Dobby Favacho here in an eight-out. Bux outweighed Favacho by four pounds, but had disadvantages in height and reach. — Reuter.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

(To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph.")

### The Rescue Tug.

Sir—In yesterday's issue of your paper the public was again reminded of the possibility of a rescue tug being constructed for the Colonial Government in the distant future. It is nearly twelve months since last August's great blow, and someone is actually beginning to stir, to the extent of inviting tenders for the construction of a suitable craft, particulars being obtainable at the Harbour Office. Probably by next August (1925) the highest or lowest tender will have been considered, and the August following (1926) might see the craft ready for trials?

Two very important items concerned in the plans and specifications are: (1) There will be a sufficient fuel storage to give a steaming radius of 400 miles. A rescue tug of 400 miles steaming radius! Just think of it. Then (2) a special state room, etc., will be installed, and, with this, probably a ball room and a miniature Golf links—who knows?

More lavish motor roads all required. Why waste good motor-road money on a rescue tug, when there are already in existence the great super salvage and rescue tug, "Henry Keswick" of 2,000 H.P., the tug "Taikoo" of 1,200 H.P., and two naval launches, one of 1,200 H.P. and steaming radius of 4,200 miles, the other 750 H.P.—2,000 miles ditto? With regard to the two naval launches, these are already detailed, (when their own work is completed) to carry out rescue work duties, etc (Vide Harbour Office Typhoon Regulations) and pirate-hunting—for next to gratis. Yours, etc.

### "PIONIC PARTY"

Hongkong, July 31st, 1924.

## Hongkong Cinemas.

Sir—Why all this talk about cinema prices, good, bad, and indifferent pictures, etc.? This is the period of bargain sales everywhere. How about a 50 per cent reduction in prices at all picture shows? Then, and only then, will the public be able to judge as to which house is providing the best value for money received.

Yours etc.,  
W. J. L. L.

## BANK MAN KILLED.

### FATAL MOTOR ACCIDENT.

London, July 31. Robert Sheridan, a clerk of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, home on leave, has been killed in a motor accident at Downpatrick. His companion, named Irvine, the son of a prominent football official, has had to be taken to hospital in Belfast. — Reuter.

[On enquiry at the local office of the Bank we were courteously informed that Mr. Robert Sheridan was on leave from Java, having served in the Batavia and Sourabaya branches. He was in the army from 1915 to 1919, in which year he joined the Bank. He went Home on leave last December.]

## AUSTRALIAN BUDGET.

### IMPROVED DEFENCES.

Melbourne, June 31. The Federal Treasurer in his Budget statement announced Income Tax reductions totalling two millions. He said that in addition to the two ten thousand ton cruisers provided for in the Defence equipment Bill, the Government contemplated building two modern sea-going submarines, and increasing the Air Force by four units. — Reuter.

## TYPHOON NEWS.

### HONGKONG & MANILA REPORTS.

Yesterday afternoon, the No. 1 warning signal was hoisted in Hongkong, and the Observatory at 4.35 p.m. reported that the typhoon was within sixteen miles of Lat. 20, Long. 114, moving W.N.W. This point is well south of Gap Rock.

A telegram received by the U.S. Consulate from the Manila Observatory at 10.30 a.m. to-day, gives the position of the typhoon as in about Lat. 19, Long. 115, and says it is nearly stationary. This is still further south than the position indicated in the Hongkong report.

A Manila message received at 9.15 a.m. reports a typhoon over the North China Sea, moving west or W.N.W. whilst a typhoon is also reported east of the Balintang Channel, moving north.

At noon to-day, the Observatory reports that the typhoon appears to be stationary about 150 miles south of the Colony, or moving very slowly westwards.

## TO-DAY.

Cloudy, with rain at intervals. Wind S.W. 12 to 15 m.p.h. Temperature 75 to 85. Barometer 30.0 to 30.2.